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# **INCOGNITI CRICKET CLUB**

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**  
**2025 SEASON**  
(165<sup>th</sup> Season)

The 2025 season was to be remembered for the dry and warm weather, burnished outfielders and the odd hose pipe ban thrown in until you reached early August but that then trickled out. This seems a world away from the start of 2026 where we can count on one hand the number of dry days in January and February.

The Mid-west tour experienced some bad weather with no play in one game v. Burbage & Easton Royal and the only other two cancelled games were Tiffin Tercels who were unable to raise a side and Philanderers who, as an old boys side from the Perse School in Cambridge have suffered from variable availability over the last couple of years, coupled with the loss of the use of their school wicket, they were unable to raise a side.

All things considered, from 24 fixtures played 12 were wins, 7 were lost and 5 were drawn.

Match reports seem to have declined in importance for Match Managers which is a shame and scorecards continue to have missing details which is a source of immense frustration for those interested in the Club's statistics and accuracy of records. Peter Wiseman is to be thanked for his patience in both chasing match managers and filling in the booklet with some archive material but, as a Club, we need to do much better here. Our history is our foundation and legacy but also our source of inspiration to keep the Club alive and members playing cricket. If I can urge both Match Managers and players who have played in the game, help your Match Manager out and write a short report of the game. Don't wait to be asked. With AI being omnipresent it does not take too much effort to put down some words to give the Club's members an insight as to how the game went and who made useful contributions on and off the field of play.

For the 2025 season there were some notable performances with two players hitting three centuries between them. Angad Ajgaonkar scored the highest total of the season with 138 v. Free Foresters and prior to that in the early part of the season scored 104 no v. Windsor Boys School. Bevan West was the other player to score a hundred v. John Lyon School and a well-made 70 v. Tiffin School.

On the batting front how delighted am I to see Harry Rogers, one of my former candidate,s coming through to top the batting averages with 61.33 and he match managed two high profile games v. HAC and Guards. He was closely followed by Nav Malik who had a stellar season with both bat and ball.

In the bowling department it was a good season for the slow bowlers Shahid Mughal and Nav Malik. Sheddy as he is fondly known with his left-arm orthodox bowling topped the averages with 21 wickets at an average of 8.90 and Nav Malik took most wickets as a bowler with 28 at 12.68. Both played a lot of cricket for Incogniti CC last season and it was just reward for them. We look forward to seeing both back playing this season along with Sheddy's son Aiden who at only 13 years of age took his first wicket for Incogniti CC v. Ottery St Mary with his first ball. More in the Western Tour report so have a read.

We are seeing some good young players coming forward and being elected as Candidates and all those elected this year have put in some really strong performances, none other than Finn Beldon with the ball whose 12 wickets at an average of 6.42 show he is a young man with a lot of opportunity to take many more wickets for Incogniti. That was backed up by Angad Ajgaonkar, Ian Clark and Asif Ali with the bat. Sadly for us Angad is now working out in Dubai but we hope he will be back in the UK or on tour with us soon and both Ian and Asif will be playing for Incogs in 2026.

Finally, the Club's immense thanks must go to Nav Saeed who took an Incogniti touring side to Cape Town for the South Africa tour and whilst the results were not in our favour, they equipped themselves well. We look forward to a tour report soon from Nav.

On club business off the field we are looking at organising an overseas tour to Sri Lanka in 2027 or 2028 and I am starting to gather thoughts for a 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book. I have given myself a sensible lead in period and will be making contact with members on suitable stories. I am very pleased to say that the Oliver Battcock Fund is working well to encourage and sustain young cricketers playing for the Club in

a time when wandering cricket is really struggling to be able to afford to play. The increased cost of pitches added with other playing costs is going to have a massive impact on wandering cricket within the next five years and I foresee a number of wandering clubs either reducing their fixtures or folding due to an inability to afford the day's cricket. It is such a shame and with added pressure on player availability from the rise in masters mid-week cricket and lack of ground availability + cost, I am afraid the outlook is not rosy.

On a positive note, Ben Wakeford has done a great job arranging our fixtures for 2026 and I would like to thank him and all the officers, match managers, umpires and scorers for their time and commitment to the Club. Without you none of this would be possible.

Looking forward to seeing members old and new in the 2026 season.

**Antony Wood  
President.**

## **Honorary Secretary's Report 2025**

The 2025 season was another successful and enjoyable season both on and off the pitch.

The weather was mainly kind to cricket - apart from the week of our Mid-West tour but we still managed to get some cricket in, and we successfully completed 24 games, winning 12, drawing 5 and losing 7. The Western tour, run by Tony Wood, was again well-supported and the season culminated in a 5 game tour to Cape Town. It is not easy organising an overseas tour, so the club is most grateful to our Cricket Secretary Nav Saeed, who put the tour together and ensured that every tour party member - players, officials and supporters, all had a great time. I am glad to report that we did not lose anybody following the shark diving outing!

As I reported last year, the concept of wandering, friendly cricket is becoming threatened by league cricket, development league cricket on Sundays, fewer clubs putting out competitive friendly Sunday and midweek teams, schools playing less cricket and when they do they are playing more limited over cricket, and the cost to put on a game of cricket. However, the club continues to provide an environment where players can visit new grounds, make new friends, play some good competitive cricket and participate in touring and overseas experiences that many clubs no longer provide. Again, with huge thanks to Nav Saeed and the other Match Managers, we are still able to attract and recruit new members to the club, and I would urge all current playing members to support Nav Saeed in this endeavour over the coming years.

Once again, I must stress the club's gratitude to members that have contributed to the Oliver Battcock fund. This fund really does help us to bring in and support young talent in the club. As everything at present, cricket is becoming more and more expensive to host and play. We are going to have to slightly increase our match fees for 2026 to help cover some of our costs, so the OBF will help protect our younger members and candidates from this.

As ever, I must thank all the Committee Members for their contributions to the running of the club. Without their commitment to the club, the club would not function.

So onwards to 2026. The club will continue to arrange enjoyable cricket fixtures, provide a friendly and welcoming environment for our players and continue to improve our use of technology to help run the club. We now post our Scores and Averages Year book on our website, have an online shop for club kit, we use WhatsApp and Facebook to communicate events - most notably players birthdays! - and we will be introducing an app - Spond - to be used by playing members to help with our match day arrangements such as player availability and selection and the collection of match fees.

Let's just hope the weather is once again kind to cricket!

**Tim Sims**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**Incogniti Cricket Club**

## An abridged history of the Incogniti Cricket Club

On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1912 some 300 cricketers gathered at the Hotel Russell, London for a celebratory dinner. This was the jubilee of the Incogniti Cricket Club and the date of the first Committee meeting 50 years previously. But there was another cause for celebration: the Ashes had been regained in Australia two days previously. On that day in 1912 the oh-so-famous Urn was the personal possession of a member of the club (they were bequeathed to the MCC after his death in 1927) and the Ashes, a concept born of a mock obituary of English cricket, had been won for England on two occasions by a major contribution from two members of the club. In its 150 year history there have been four Incogs who have captained England and eight or more Test players.

In Incogniti's first season, the year 1861, eight matches were played on a variety of grounds, starting at Lord's on 25<sup>th</sup> May v the X.Y.Z. It could have been the beginning and the end of the X.Y.Z. – they never reappeared in the amazingly complete and continuous record of the Incogniti – but Incogniti was to prosper and flourish. Tufnell Park was chosen as the home ground at that first Committee meeting, but after a week's tour to the Midlands in 1863 Incogniti became truly wandering, abandoning Tufnell Park the following year.



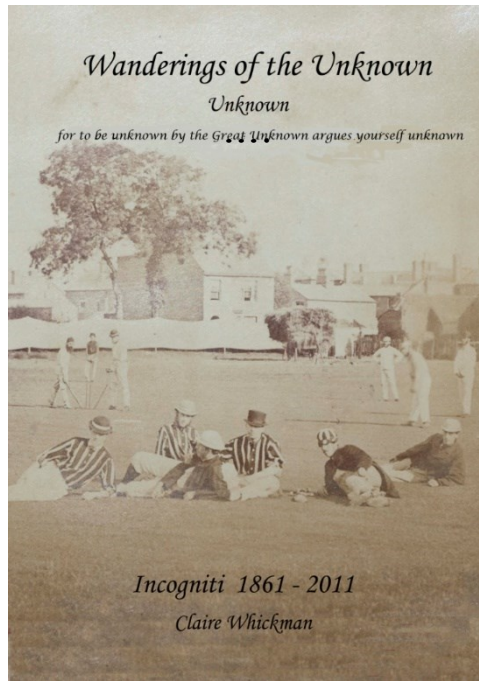
### Bass was a prodigious wicket taker in the first 20 years

How truly great and wandering the club was to become is epitomised by the fact that both captains in the first Test series between England and New Zealand, played in New Zealand in 1930, were Incogs who had played together on the Incogniti Tour to America in 1924. And New Zealand had been put on the international cricket map by an Incog who had toured there, captaining a Fijian team prior to that Jubilee dinner. Two stalwart Incogs had played in opposing sides in an earlier Test series: 1905/6 England v South Africa.

An Incog forced the making of a new Law – the declaration. An Incog forced a change to the follow on Law. Two Incogs were heavily involved in the upgrading of the lbw Law. An Incog was largely responsible for acquisition of the southern end of the Nursery Ground at Lord's, when the whole of the ground was under threat from the building of a railway line. An Incog invented that deceitful ball, the googly. Incogniti has made its presence felt all round the world and over Europe with tours to Australia, South Africa, America, Canada, Goa, Singapore, Denmark, Holland, Malta, Cyprus and Gibraltar, and within the British Isles to Eire, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Wight. There have been Incogniti matches in nearly every county of England and even in Kenya.

The magic facts about the club, the sources of pride, have been that it is the third oldest wandering club and that it played its first game at Lord's. The first fact is false, as carved in wood on a plaque commemorating the International Millennium Cricket Festival for Wandering Clubs, Oxford 2000, but definitely debatable: this placed Incogniti as the fifth. The second fact is of little consequence since Lord's was in an appalling state at the time: anyone could play there for one shilling, inclusive of stumps, bat and ball. Maybe it is harder to remember all of the above facts but they are surely far more worth boasting about! Back in the early years of the club, the initials I.C.C. were used. Obviously they are not used today, in deference to a far more powerful organisation, but the initials had been taken from a club as meritorious in its own way. There has been an unrecognisable change in the social landscape since the inception of the Incogniti and yet its essential character, the desire to play a fair and honourable game to a sporting conclusion, has not. Incogs remain passionate about the "proper" way of playing, about the joy derived from playing for a finish, and from playing with the opposition rather than against them. It is the preservation of this ethos that is now drawing cricketers, tired of the lack of these very qualities in league cricket, into the ranks of the Great Unknown.

**Claire Whickman, Club Archivist**



This is the story of the Incogniti Cricket Club, starting with eleven men, some if not all, recently having finished their schooling at Godolphin, Hammersmith, in a match on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1861 at Lord's cricket ground. With no boundaries, no declaration, a 4 ball over, under-arm or round-arm bowling and long-stops, cricket was then a significantly different game. Bowling was so much the lesser part that no analysis was kept – scoring 50 runs was considered as great a feat as a hat trick! The conditions acceptable for play were also considerably different - even Lord's had a rough wicket and ridge and furrow in the outfield. Play would continue through drenching downpours and on into darkness. Cricket had a long way to go to become the game that we know today.

Early in its history the Incogniti played counties and mostly won, fielding up to 9 first class cricketers in its side. Some 650 first class cricketers have been members, including 9 Test captains. A meritorious wandering club – one of those Test captains was of South Africa (having previously played for England) and another was of New Zealand.

Some 300 pages tell a personal story of a journey through the 76 kilos of leather bound records and 42 kilos of other memorabilia. It is eclectic, anecdotal, visual and colourful, including photographs taken from 1863 onwards. There is also a complete record of the opposition in the nearly 8,000 matches played; who, where, when and with what result.

**Copies of “Wanderings of the Unknown” are available to purchase from the Club’s online shop, or you may contact Claire Whickman at: Winmalee, Long Lane, Shaw, Newbury, Berks RG14 2TH. Or [gwhickman@btinternet.com](mailto:gwhickman@btinternet.com)**

## RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED

### Won (12)

H.A.C.  
Old Wykehamists  
Oxford Downs  
Oratory School  
Datchet  
Hurlingham Club  
Sidmouth  
Ottery St. Mary  
Sidbury  
Tipton St. John  
Guards  
Black Batts

### Lost (7)

Free Foresters  
Tiffin School  
Trowbridge  
Groot Drakenstein  
Claremont  
Western Province  
Stellenbosch Scorpions

### Drawn (5)

Windsor Boys' School  
John Lyon School  
Maidenhead & Bray  
Wiltshire Querries (abandoned)  
Chiswick

### No Play (3)

Tiffin Tercels  
Philanderers  
Burbage & Easton Royal

## Total Matches Played 2025

24

## Matches Played 1861 - 2025

Total 8100 Won 2971 Lost 2419 Drawn 2672 Tied 19

Notes.

1. Candidates are shown with a star (\*) before their names.
2. Guests are shown with a hash (#) before their names.
3. **Details in RED on scorecards shown in the Handbook indicate an INCORRECT scorecard received from the Match Manager!**

## THE OLIVER BATTCOCK FUND

Dear Member

I am most pleased to be able to report that, over the last couple of years, the club has been represented on the field by more and more younger or student candidates.

Whilst this is healthy, it does mean that, although the club does its best to subsidise their cricket, many games are played at a financial loss. As a result of this the Committee has agreed to re-open the Oliver Battcock Fund, which some members will remember was set up on his death in 1970, with the objective of helping to subsidise younger or student candidates and members who would benefit from some financial support to help them with the costs of representing the club.

For those of you that don't know, Oliver Battcock was one of the Club's most influential members of recent times - playing two first class matches for the MCC and playing 115 minor counties games representing Buckinghamshire. He was a Life Member of Incogniti, taking 2,204 wickets at an average of 12.99 and scoring 7020 runs. The article that follows gives a wonderful insight to the man based on the reminiscences of club member Colin Schnadhorst.

Over the winter, a number of members have been kind enough to donate to the Fund and we are most grateful for their support. I am now hoping that other members might consider making a donation to the Fund, to a maximum of £50, thus making it possible for us to continue to support good young cricketers and encouraging them to adopt and enjoy the style of wandering cricket that the club is renowned for and the camaraderie that the club provides.

**If you do feel inclined to support this initiative you can make an online donation to Incogniti Cricket Club, sort code 15-80-00, account number 63297936 reference by OBF plus your surname.**

Many thanks for your support.

Tim Sims  
Hon Sec

For the record, the Fund was utilised in 2025 as follows: £585 contributed towards match fees.

### OLIVER GORDON BATTCOCK 1903-1970.

I first met Oliver during the summer of 1959 during the school holidays as my father was helping me to find a club in order to continue my cricketing education. A friend suggested Datchet where "there's a chap there called Oliver Battcock who might teach your son a thing or two". And he did!

He taught me how club cricket should be played, in the right spirit, seriously and fairly, always respecting the opposition and enjoying their company in the bar afterwards. In Oliver's case this would mean holding court with his pipe in one hand and a beer in the other! There was always a group around him enjoying his company and stories.

Before the days of League cricket when Sunday matches were all-day affairs when a good lunch would be enjoyed. If it was a home match and we were batting, Oliver, as captain, would take charge of the washing-up and would 'volunteer' others to help him!

He was a medium-paced swing bowler who played for Buckinghamshire between 1925 and 1939, and after the war from 1946-51 making 115 appearances in all. When the Australian touring party played a 2-day game at Eton College, they described him as one of the best swing bowlers they had met on tour. He took 12 wickets in the match and was undoubtedly much sharper than in his later years. He was essentially an outswing bowler with the occasional off-cutter which was rather telegraphed by his clearly wrapping his fingers around the ball. A competent lower-order left-hand bat, he would normally field at mid-on, the boot being used as much as his hands when fielding in his later years!

Playing into his sixties, Oliver took 100 wickets for both Datchet and the Incogs in his 60<sup>th</sup> year – some bowler!

Apart from Bucks and Datchet, he played a vast amount of cricket every summer, frequently more than one game a week. He subsequently became a stalwart and something of a legend to the Incogs. As a part-time groundsman at Datchet, he liked to use liquid cow manure in the preparation of the wickets. This was transported to the square in a wheelbarrow and, rumour has it, one sunny afternoon he was found enjoying forty winks in the very same barrow after his labours were done! This may explain why the ladies of Datchet repaired a pair of his favourite trousers with a red patch and, at the end of the season, hauled them up the flagpole and then ceremoniously burnt them much to Oliver's great indignation!

Datchet used to organise a series of tours to Wales and Oliver played in the first game of the inaugural tour. The accommodation was a B & B run by a very stern landlady. After a raucous night celebrating our first win and the ensuing noisy late night, breakfast was served in silence with the landlady announcing, "I want you all out by 11 o'clock!" Oliver's response from behind his newspaper was a rather unhelpful, "I've been thrown out of better places than this!" Subsequent negotiations revealed that the previous guests had been a rugby team who had left without paying and a cash advance resolved the impasse!

A less auspicious occasion occurred when Datchet played Ickenham away towards the end of his career and his health was suffering. He ran in to bowl and, in the final three delivery strides, he broke wind three times. The batsman looked at Oliver rather than the ball, slips and the keeper collapsed laughing and the ball went for four byes!



Whilst cricket consumed his summers, his other passion was the theatre and he loved acting, making his West End debut in 1931 under his stage name of Oliver Gordon. When the Second World War broke out, the then manager of the Theatre Royal Windsor, John Counsell, was called up and asked Oliver to take his place in running the theatre. In later years he was the Director-Producer of the Salisbury Repertory Company and he enjoyed playing the Dame in their pantomime. One year a group of Datchet players took a minibus to see the panto in which he was playing Widow Twankey, to find that he had reserved us front row seats. When the traditional sweet-throwing scene arrived, Oliver was unwise enough to aim some at the front row, only to receive a very accurate return volley! Being so close we clearly heard a stage whisper to the effect, "you bastards!"

Oliver led such a full and busy life and met so many people on the cricket field and in the theatre, that it was impossible for him to remember all their names. He duly adopted the simple tactic of employing the endearing greeting "Hello Cock, how are you?" What a character, and a lovely man.

## INCOGNITI C. C. v WINDSOR BOYS' SCHOOL

On a glorious sunny spring afternoon Incogs kicked off their 2025 season by losing the toss and being sent into bat in this 35 overs per side affair. After a bit of wobbly start we sank to 12-2 off 5 overs, but the arrival of Anagad Ajgaonkar and Dan Grahame steadied the ship and put on healthy 89-run partnership. Temperatures peaked at 25°C and the batting of Angad was just as hot, racing to a quickfire 104\* off just 73 balls. Anil Gill at number 5 chipped in with a useful 43 and a Harry Gadsby cameo of 31\* off 20 balls catapulted us to 238 for 5 off 35 overs.

In reply Windsor made a steady start of 53-2 off 9 overs but lost their last 8 wickets for only 19 runs and capitulated to 74 all out with our guest bowlers Amay Hegde returning figures of 3-8 off 7 overs and Harsh Nath with 3-17.

Thanks to Paul Furness and Martin House for umpiring and Edward Crossley for scoring.

**Nav Saeed**

Played at Windsor on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.	WINDSOR BOYS' SCHOOL
F.Harris c Winch b Niblett .....	J.De Ljeuma c Gadsby b Mughal..... 10
#J.Syed c Pall b Wolley..... 3	J.Winch c Saeed b Gadsby ..... 5
*A.Ajgaonkar Retired Out ..... 104	B.Niblett c J.Syed b Nath ..... 26
D.Grahame c Niblett b Ziemkendorf 30	S.Pall c Gill b Hegde ..... 17
A.Gill c & b Winch..... 43	N.Batch b Hegde ..... 0
#A.Hegde b Winch ..... 2	T.Freeme c Mughal b Nath..... 0
H.Gadsby Not Out ..... 31	L.Wolley c Mughal b Hegde ..... 2
#H.Nath Not Out..... 2	L.Ziemkendorf c Ajgaonkar b Nath..... 0
S.Mughal DNB .....	E.Winch b Mughal ..... 4
N.Saeed DNB.....	E.Masters c Ajgaonkar b Saeed ..... 3
N.Malik DNB.....	A.Khan Not Out..... 0
Extras..... 14	Extras ..... 7
<b>Total (for 5 wkts.)..... 238</b>	<b>Total ..... 74</b>

Bowling :Gadsby 4-0-29-1; Mughal 4.2-0-18-2; #Nath 7-2-17-2; #Hegde 7-2-8-3; Saeed 1-1-0-1.

**RESULT : WON BY 164 RUNS**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY C.C.

On what I believe is the only Saturday game played by the Incogs and on the first day at that it was great to see a strong Incogs side arrive to play against the Honourable Artillery company. After somehow all making it through the strict security procedures need to play cricket on a military base the Incogs wasted no time in winning the toss and batting first on what looked to be a very good pitch. Incogs got off to a good start with Nav Malik (24) and Anil Gill (18) negotiating the opening overs and building a good platform.

HAC then managed to pick up steady wickets pegging in cogs back to 110-5 before the lower order rallied well to reach 203-9 on what was becoming a very dry pitch making runs hard to come by. Incogs opened the bowling with Ash Iqbal (9-0-43-1) and Ben Wiltshire (4-0-13-0) who bowled economically and restricted the runs, but on the slow pitch struggled to break through. The ball was tossed to Candidate Fin Beldon (10-0-37-6) who bowled excellently picking up the wickets of much of the HAC top order with his gentle away swing. The HAC Tail attempted to save a draw by canny bowling from Nav Malik (3.5-1-7-2) prised the last two wickets and secured the 60-run victory.

**Harry Rogers**

Played at Armoury House on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		H.A.C.	
A.Gill lbw b Andrews .....	18	A.Cristobal c Rogers b Beldon .....	38
N.Malik lbw b Andrews .....	24	A.Unger b Iqbal .....	9
*A.Ajgaonkar c? b Andrews .....	14	B.Norris c Iqbal b Beldon .....	40
#T.Pope c? b Taylor .....	14	P.Thompson lbw b Beldon .....	3
J.Lockwood st? b Taylor .....	25	I.Fitzpatrick lbw b Beldon .....	0
N.Saeed st? b Robinson .....	16	C.Andrews b Beldon .....	7
H.Rogers b Young .....	41	D.Canning b Beldon .....	5
B.Willsher b Young .....	1	H.Taylor c Rogers b Malik .....	26
#J.Syed Not Out .....	13	R.O'Connor b Pope .....	4
*F.Beldon c? b Young .....	5	F.Robinson Not Out .....	0
A.Iqbal Not Out .....	5	C.Young b Malik .....	0
Extras .....	27	Extras .....	11
<b>Total (for 9 wkts.) .....</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1434</b>

Bowling :Iqbal 9-0-43-1; Willsher 4-0-13-0; \*Beldon 10-0-37-6; Saeed 8-1-19-0; Malik 3.5-1-7-2; #Pope 1-0-0-1.

**RESULT : WON BY 60 RUNS**

### INCOGNITI C.C. v FREE FORESTERS C.C.

Played at Merstham C.C. on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		FREE FORESTERS C.C.	
*A.Ali lbw b Davey .....	10	N.Baker c Syed b Uvaraju .....	16
#J.Syed c Bhardwaj b Flavell .....	7	J.Allan c Grahame b Iqbal .....	138
*A.Ajgaonkar c Arnold b Sreenivasan .....	138	A.Bhardwaj b Ali .....	5
D.Grahame b Sreenivasan .....	19	W.McKegney c Radhakrishnan b Uvaraju .....	3
J.Lockwood c Sabbagh-Holt b McKegney .....	48	T.Flavell Not Out .....	79
R.Suri c Sreenivasan b McKegney .....	2	B.Moffat c Saeed b Ali .....	12
#G.Radhakrishnan c Clarke b McKegney .....	6	L.Sabbagh-Holt Not Out .....	4
#J.Uvaraju lbw b McKegney .....	1	D.Davey DNB .....	
S.Mughal c Clarke b McKegney .....	7	J.Arnold DNB .....	
A.Clarke Not Out .....	0	T.Clarke DNB .....	
A.Iqbal c Allan b McKegney .....	0	A.Sreenivasan DNB .....	
N.Saeed DNB .....		Extras .....	25
Extras .....	40	Extras .....	25
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>Total (for 5 wkts.) .....</b>	<b>282</b>

Bowling: Iqbal 8.3-0-56-1; Mughal 7-1-19-0; #Uvaraju 8-0-49-2; \*Ali 14-1-68-2; #Radhakrishnan 3-0-45-0; Saeed 2-0-33-0.

**RESULT: LOST BY 5 WICKETS**

### INCOGNITI C.C. v TIFFIN TERCELS C.C.

1<sup>st</sup> June 2025. Match cancelled.

## INCOGNITI C. C. v OLD WYKEHAMISTS

Played at Meads, Winchester College on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

OLD WYKEHAMISTS C.C.	INCOGNITI C.C.
A.Adams b Boothroyd.....	#R.Burke c? b Cubbitt.....
T.Perry c Khan b Boothroyd.....	N.Malik Not Out.....
W.Heyhin b Khan.....	*A.Ajgaonkar b Beecraft.....
R.Harker b Ali.....	B.Birtles c? b Rocester.....
W.Matthews c Ahmed b Khan.....	*A.Ali b Howman.....
F.East c Saeed b Iqbal.....	#A.Ahmed lbw b Rocester.....
R.Cubbitt Run Out.....	#L.Cowie lbw b Beecraft.....
A.Beecraft b Iqbal.....	#I.Khan c? b East.....
H.Adams Not Out.....	N.Saeed Not Out.....
J.Rocester b Iqbal.....	A.Iqbal DNB.....
B.Howman b Iqbal.....	D.Boothroyd DNB.....
Extras.....	Extras.....
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>Total (for 7 wkts.)</b> .....
<b>212</b>	<b>213</b>

Bowling : Iqbal 10-0-59-4; Boothroyd 6-1-17-2; #Cowie 6-1-16-0; Birtles 4-0-22-0; #Khan 5-3-6-2; \*Ali 9-0-52-1; Saeed 1-0-17-0.

**RESULT : WON BY 3 WICKETS**

## INCOGNITI C. C. v OXFORD DOWNS C.C.

Played at Standlake on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

INCOGNITI C.C.	OXFORD DOWNS C.C.
#J.Syed c Hawes b Herbert.....	Hunt b Nagapurapam.....
#R.Syed c Watts b Delpport.....	Wyman b Iqbal.....
#Z.Ashar c Hunt b Herbert.....	Ling b Iqbal.....
#A.Ahmed Run Out.....	Fowler b Brant.....
#S.Nagapurapam b Delpport.....	Warner c J.Syed b Malik.....
N.Malik Not Out.....	Hawes c J.Syed b Malik.....
#I.? b Delpport.....	Watts c? b Malik.....
I.Khan Not Out.....	Crouch c J.Sted b Iqbal.....
A.Iqbal DNB.....	Wildman c Gill b Iqbal.....
#A.Ashar DNB.....	Delpport c Khan b Malik.....
A.Gill DNB.....	Herbert Not Out.....
Extras.....	Extras.....
<b>Total (for 6 wkts.)</b> .....	<b>Total</b> .....
<b>238</b>	<b>224</b>

Bowling : Iqbal 9-2-32-4; Malik 16.4-6-55-4; Khan 6-1-25-0; #Brant 5-0-21-1; #Nagapurapam 4-0-34-1; #Ashar 6-0-0-20.0; Gill 3-1-4-0.

**RESULT : WON BY 14 RUNS**



## INCOGNITI C. C. v ORATORY SCHOOL

Played at Oratory School on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

ORATORY SCHOOL		INCOGNITI C.C.	
A.Hector b Iqbal.....	11	#J.Uvaralu b ?.....	15
J.Jackson b Iqbal.....	54	#J.Syed lbw b ?.....	10
A.Wild b West.....	15	D.Grahame Not Out.....	74
A.Watson c Iqbal b West.....	14	#Z.Ashar c Wild b ?.....	25
R.Derbyshire c West b Zulfiqar.....	43	S.Bowry lbw b ?.....	0
C.Tappan Hit Wkt b Zulfiqar.....	0	B.West Not Out.....	47
H.Baker c Bowry b Malik.....	16	#MA Zulfiqar DNB.....	
T.Davies b Malik.....	7	N.Malik DNB.....	
W.Underhay Not Out.....	5	R.Harris DNB.....	
J.Burton c Saeed b Malik.....	0	A.Iqbal DNB.....	
L.Boxall-Waldron c Saeed b Malik..	3	N.Saeed DNB.....	
Extras.....	6	Extras.....	5
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>171</b>	<b>Total (for 4 wkts.)</b> .....	<b>174</b>

Bowling : Iqbal 8-2-38-2; #Uvaralu 3-0-44-0; West 14-4-42-2; #Zulfiqar 10-0-35-2; Saeed 3-1-9-0; Malik 2.4-1-4-4.

## RESULT : WON BY 6 WICKETS INCOGNITI C.C. v JOHN LYON SCHOOL

Played at Harrow on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		JOHN LYON SCHOOL.	
H.Gadsby b Maqedonci .....	15	J.Patel c ? b Mughal .....	8
B.West c ? b Vijayvargia .....	101	K.Gunaseelan Not Out.....	81
A.N.Other c Chohan b Wijesinghe.....	26	R.Chohan c West b Birtles .....	6
B.Birtles Not Out.....	52	J.Ellis c ? b Mughal.....	79
S.Bowry Not Out.....	6	G.Allen Not Out.....	4
S.Eyre DNB.....		J.Maqedonci DNB.....	
N.Saeed .....		D.Wijesinghe DNB.....	
S.Mughal DNB.....		D.Patel DNB.....	
A.Iqbal DNB.....		A.Vijayvargia DNB.....	
A.N.Other DNB.....		I.Khan DNB.....	
A.Gill DNB.....		W.Pye DNB.....	
Extras.....	20	Extras.....	12
<b>Total (for 3 wkts.)</b> .....	<b>220</b>	<b>Total (for 3 wkts.)</b> .....	<b>190</b>

Bowling: Mughal 10-3-22-2; Saeed 5-2-5-0; Iqbal 7-1-26-0; Bowry 5-1-28-0; Birtles 8-2-26-1; Eyre 4-0-36-0; West 6-0-14-0; A.N. Other 2-0-23-0.

## RESULT : MATCH DRAWN

## INCOGNITI C.C. v MAIDENHEAD & BRAY C.C.

On a scorching summer's day in the picturesque surroundings of Maidenhead & Bray, the Incogniti won the toss and elected to bat. Sunny Bowry played some delightful strokes before being dismissed for 21. Enter Asif Ali, who dispatched the ball around the park with disdain, including 2 of the biggest sixes you would have the pleasure of witnessing. Zain Ashar continued to play some elegant shots before a mix-up saw him run out for 32. Asif eventually fell for 46 off 37 balls and Harry Rodgers continued to anchor the innings. After falling for 45 at a run a ball, rising star Ashaar Iqbal smashed a few lusty blows, making 23 off just 10 balls with 3 sixes. Incogniti bowled out for 237 off 41 overs.

In reply M&B stumbled to 71-8 off 21 overs with some excellent catching backing up the bowlers, however their 8th wicket partnership could not be broken with John Child laying down the anchor and finishing unbeaten on 59 off 103 balls batting for almost 2 hours well supported by Ambar Moorthy. Ashaar and Harry Gadsby finished with 3 wickets each and the match was declared a draw.

Thanks to Nav Malik for preparing a wonderful chicken curry for tea and everyone else for supporting with snacks and drinks.

**Shahid Mughal**

Played at Bray on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025:-

### INCOGNITI C.C.

### MAIDENHEAD & BRAY C.C.

#Z.Ashaar Run Out .....	32	Sa Manchanda c Ali b Iqbal.....	4
S.Bowry c Dahiy b Moorthy .....	21	K.Grey c Ashaar b I.Malik .....	6
H.Gadsby c Callieu b Virk .....	6	J.Benawra c & b Iqbal .....	10
*A.Ali b Child.....	46	YS.Dahiya lbw b I.Malik.....	12
#A.Azeez lbw b Child.....	13	A.Hussain c Ashaar b Iqbal .....	0
H.Rogers c Child b Dahiya .....	45	D.Callieu c & b Gadsby.....	10
N.Malik Run Out .....	16	J.Child Not Out .....	59
#I.Malik c Armstrong b Sw Manchanda	0	G.Virk c Rogers b Gadsby.....	9
S.Mughal b Armstrong.....	7	Sw.Manchanda c Azeez b Gadsby.....	0
A.Iqbal c Child b Armstrong.....	23	A.Moorthy Not Out .....	27
N.Saeed Not Out .....	4	M.Armstrong DNB.....	15
Extras .....	23	Extras .....	15
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>Total (for 8 wkts) .....</b>	<b>152</b>

Bowling:Iqbal 12-5-34-3;#I.Malik 10-1-37-2; Gadsby 8-0-27-3; N.Malik 5-0-18-0; Saeed 4-1-15-0;

\*Ali 2-1-8-0; Bowry 1-0-6-0.

**RESULT : MATCH DRAWN**

## INCOGNITI C.C v TIFFIN SCHOOL

Played at Grist's on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025:-

TIFFIN SCHOOL		INCOGNITI C.C.	
Uday st Seb b Malik.....	59	S.Bowry b Nick.....	21
Anshul c Malik b Tilak.....	9	#Z.Ashaar c Uday b Seyon.....	33
Kajus c & b West.....	30	#Seb c Sheuv b Harry.....	15
Jethro c Pervaiz b Zulfiqar.....	5	*A.Ajghaonkar c Ayush b Harry.....	9
Ayush c Saeed b Zulfiqar.....	41	A.Pervaiz c Om b Harry.....	5
Lavya c Pervaiz b Malik.....	1	B.West b Nick.....	70
Seyon Not Out.....	42	#MA Zulfiqar c Anshul b Om.....	13
Om b Zulfiqar.....	25	#Tilak c Uday b Sheuv.....	6
Nick DNB.....		N.Malik Run Out.....	7
Harry DNB.....		N.Saeed Not Out.....	6
Sheuv Druv DNB.....		#J.Syed DNB (Injured).....	
Extras.....	8	Extras.....	11
<b>Total (for 7 wkts.).....</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>Total (for 9 wkts.).....</b>	<b>196</b>

Bowling: #Tilak 9-2-36-1; West 12-0-50-1; #Zulfiqar 18-1-66-3; Malik 14-2-61-2.

**RESULT : LOST BY 24 RUNS**

## INCOGNITI C.C v DATCHET C.C.

Played at Datchet on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		DATCHET C.C.	
#R.Syed c? b Raja.....	46	Z.Asher c & b Mughal.....	40
#J.Syed st ? b Raja.....	64	KB Patel c Saeed b White.....	9
#S.Carvill b Raja.....	3	S.Athukrana c & b Mughal.....	28
H.Rogers Not Out.....	48	G.Sumra Jr. c Iqbal b Mughal.....	10
#A.Ahmed b K.Athukrana.....	10	B.Bright c Ahmed b Mughal.....	4
S.Bowry b Bright.....	6	K.Saleem c Rogers b Bowry.....	16
#G.Radhakrishnan c ? b Bright.....	0	M.Khan Run Out.....	36
S.Mughal c ? b Bright.....	33	F.Ali c Syed b Saeed.....	14
#O.White Not Out.....	1	K.Athukrana lbw b Mughal.....	11
A.Iqbal DNB.....		G.Sumra Sr. c Rogers b Mughal.....	2
N.Saeed DNB.....		A.Raja Not Out.....	15
Extras.....	16	Extras.....	19
<b>Total (for 7 wkts.).....</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>185</b>

Bowling: Iqbal 7-0-45-0; #White 9-1-46-1; Mughal 10-2-41-6; #Radhakrishnan 4-0-28-0; Bowry 2-0-30-1; Saeed 1-0-8-1.

**RESULT : WON BY 23 RUNS**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v PHILANDERERS C.C.

20<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Match cancelled.

Two from the vaults!



### **Incogniti Tour to Philadelphia 1920**

The photo includes Douglas Jardine ( fourth from the left top row) later to become captain of England 1931-34 and Tom Lowry ( 3rd from left row middle row) later to become captain of New Zealand 1930-31.

The tour represented a post First World War touring venture by an English amateur club into North America at a time when cricket in the U.S.A and Canada still had a significant presence. Incogniti won all of their eight matches with Jardine, who was 19 at the time, scoring four centuries. Evelyn James Metcalfe ( middle bottom row) was the tour organiser. He had played for Queensland between 1894 and 1899 and Hertfordshire in 1903.



**Memories of a wonderful day at The Home of Cricket in 2012.**

## MID-WEST TOUR

The 2025 Mid West Tour was rather curtailed by the weather. At Queries, the Incogs batted first with Aghad Ajgaonkar making an impressive 75 and Adbi Zulfiqar contributing a stylish 40 before the heavens opened and no further play was possible. A break in the weather on Wednesday allowed for a completed game at Trowbridge. Batting first, Trowbridge compiled 263 in 62 overs with half centuries from Julyan and the evergreen Oakley. In reply, Azeem Ahmed made a battling 53 but wickets fell at key moments, and quickly, meaning the Incogs' innings rather collapsed bringing about a heavy defeat. The squad were keen to bounce back at Burbage on the final day but persistent heavy rain made the pitch at the resplendent Red Lion Field unplayable despite early hopes there would be sufficient dry spells. Thank you to all those who made themselves available to play, particularly to those who travelled despite the weather risk. Here's to more success in 2026.

Jon Andrews

### INCOGNITI C.C v WILTSHIRE QUERIES C.C.

Played at Tidworth on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		WILTSHIRE QUERIES C.C.	
#Z.Ashaar lbw b Grant.....	23	P.Roberts Not Out.....	0
*A.Ali b Onyuro.....	10	N.Jephson Not Out.....	0
*A.Ajgaonkar c Carroll b Onyuro.....	75	N.Macgregor DNB.....	0
K.Balasubramaniam b Grant.....	4	B.Sutthery DNB.....	0
#A.Ahmed lbw b Sutthery.....	1	P.Mounstephen DNB.....	0
H.Gadsby lbw b Sutthery.....	0	A.Cutler DNB.....	0
#MA.Zulfiqar c Cutler b Carroll.....	40	J.Carroll DNB.....	0
A.Iqbal Not Out.....	4	S.Camobell DNB.....	0
S.Bowry Not Out.....	1	S.Bamunagama DNB.....	0
N.Saeed DNB.....	0	M.Onyuro DNB.....	0
N.Malik DNB.....	0	J.Grant DNB.....	0
Extras.....	15	Extras.....	0
<b>Total (for 7 wkts.).....</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>0</b>

Bowling:

**RESULT : MATCH ABANDONED**



**No more play today! A crisp one beckons methinks!**

## INCOGNITI C.C v TROWBRIDGE C.C.

Played at Trowbridge on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025:-

TROWBRIDGE C.C.	INCOGNITI C.C.
C.Holland c Balasubramaniam b Gadsby	16 #Z.Ashaar c Svendsen b Wells ..... 5
L.Svendsen b Gadsby.....	1 K.Balasubramaniam c & b Brown..... 4
S.Julyan c & b Gadsby.....	61 #A.Ahmed Run Out..... 53
J.John lbw b Zulfiqar.....	16 S.Baxter lbw b Brown..... 3
T.Beard b Zulfiqar.....	30 S.Bowry b Brown..... 0
W.Hampton c Saeed b Zulfiqar.....	0 #MA.Zulfiqar c Hampton b Julyan..... 16
J.Hurley c Bowry b Saeed.....	26 J.Andrews lbw b Brown ..... 0
O.Brown st Balasubramaniam b Saeed	26 N.Saeed c Brown b Wells..... 0
J.Wells c Saeed b Wickes.....	4 H.Gadsby b Julyan..... 1
T.Oakley Not Out.....	54 #D.Wickes Not Out..... 1
L.Parks Not Out.....	11 A.Iqbal c Wells b Hurley..... 2
Extras.....	18 Extras ..... 8
<b>Total (for 9 wkts.).....</b>	<b>263 Total ..... 93</b>

Bowling: Iqbal 6.2-0-44-0; Gadsby 16-3-56-3; #Zulfiqar 14.4-1-59-3; Saeed 10-2-29-2; #Wickes 7-1-23-1; #Ashaar 5-1-13-0; Baxter 3-0-27-0.

**RESULT : LOST BY 170 RUNS**

## INCOGNITI C. C. v BURBAGE & EASTON ROYAL

31st July 2025. Match cancelled.



**Mid-West Tour pictures.**

# INCOGNITI C.C v HURLINGHAM CLUB C.C.

Played at Hurlingham Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		HURLINGHAM CLUB C.C.	
#T.Flavell c & b Fox.....	34	S.Rhys c Flavell b Mughal .....	18
#L.Cowie Run Out.....	18	R.Hamilton-Brown c Flavell b Gill .....	5
R.Sehmi lbw b Hamilton-Brown.....	45	T.Raglan c Pearce b Gill.....	5
#S.Moss b Fox .....	55	J.Bannenberg b Gill.....	0
#J.Hutchinson lbw b Hamilton-Brown	0	A.Kidwell lbw b Mughal.....	27
K.Balas'iam c Rhysa b Hamilton-Brown	14	A.Goodwin c Balas'iam b Mughal .....	55
#J.Cahir lbw b Nunneley.....	5	B.Hamilton c Saeed b Mughal.....	23
A.Gill lbw b Nunneley .....	0	G.Brooksbank b Mughal .....	0
S.Mughal b Nunneley .....	0	H.Eyre c Saeed b Mughal.....	12
N.Saeed Not Out.....	13	F.Fox Not Out .....	1
P.Pearce c Raglan b Fox.....	9	T.Nunneley c Cowie b Moss .....	3
Extras.....	10	Extras .....	10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>159</b>

Bowling: #Cowie 11-2-22-0; #Cahir 2-0-5-0; Gill 7-2-35-3; Mughal 12-3-27-6; #Moss 13.3-1-57-1.0

## RESULT : WON BY 44 RUNS



**ON CRICKET**

TWO of the most famous names in cricket have been in Guernsey this week, namely Incogniti CC and Grace.

E. M. Grace, a great nephew of Dr W. G., was in the Incogniti team that played GICC twice at King George V Field this week, 98 years after the famous old club made their first of 34 visits to the island.

The Incogniti are the third oldest of the famous 'wandering' cricket clubs, having been formed in 1862 and coming in seniority after I Zingari and the Free Foresters.

The 'Incogs' have always been very keen tourists, the club colours of black, purple and gold having been paraded around the world. Their motto: *Incogniti Incognitis* (unknown to the unknown) is well-known by cricketers everywhere.

For many years Guernsey was very much a favourite touring ground of the Incogniti.

They paid their first visit in 1896 (see scorecard) and



Brigadier Mike White, a player with both Incogniti and GICC, doubts whether any club outside the MCC can have made more than the 33 visits made by Incogniti between 1896 and, the last one, in 1974.

Since then the attraction of drier and hotter climes in Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus, has found favour over Guernsey.

The first Incogniti match in Guernsey was notable for the fact that it was a 12 per side two-day affair.

Incogniti won by 10 wickets and were winners again in 1936 when they took on the Guernsey Island side containing the likes of Frank Stroobant, Gerve Peck and H. V. 'Bill' Stone.

It was three years later that Mike White made his first visit to the island and was a major influence behind two wins for the visitors.

In the single innings game against the local club the Brigadier claimed six wickets as the GICC were dismissed for just 45 and lost by 10 wickets.

He was again in the wickets when the two sides met in a two innings match on the following two days (see scorecard).

On this occasion the Brigadier took nine wickets in the match which the visitors won by four wickets.

For good measure he chipped in with 77 in the first innings and it was he who finally dismissed a rampant Bill Stone for 145 out of 192!

The Brigadier still remembers the innings as if it was yesterday: 'Incredible, the highest percentage of

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## WESTERN TOUR 2025

### INCOGNITI C.C. v SIDMOUTH C.C.

The Western Tour loomed large in the Manager's mind with four weeks to go. The valedictory dinner with the places was not yet set, in fact we only had less than a handful of players who had committed to the tour. Four great games in prospect... we could not surely call the tour off through lack of availability.

The season had been a good one for Incogniti and all cricketers up and down the land. The weather was holding and the grounds were hard. Unfortunately for the Manager, Incogniti had an overseas tour in November 2025 to South Africa and a lot of the usual young tourists rightfully had to decline playing on the Western Tour to save holiday entitlement for the tour or were travelling and working. So new tourists needed to be recruited.

With two weeks to go, after some sabre rattling, threats of the tour being cancelled and dogged badgering, the Manager's concerns were beginning to lessen as Incogniti cricketers and some candidates started to come forward. With a week to go I was, as they say in the world of sport taking "a lot of positives" out of the whole recruitment experience. Never again I muttered but this was my 7<sup>th</sup> year running the tour having revitalised it from when I did it previously before moving to Australia in 2009 and before that I started touring in 1989 under the then Manager Anthony Richardson.

So, on Sunday 17 August 2025 we got underway at the Fortfield ground in Sidmouth to play our opponents and hosts Sidmouth CC. For most would not know but this was the ground where Somerset CC were founded and used to play. Now Devon CCC use the ground regularly. The weather did not disappoint. The usual strong warm south westerly breeze came in off the Atlantic and the promenade was packed. Even the seagulls were squawking with joy at the opportunity of so much food on display for them to swoop down on in beer gardens and promenade benches.

There was a buzz in the air. The Manager had accepted the challenge of the opposition. If we wanted to play a declaration game then they had to bat first. They clearly thought they needed to ensure they got a long bat. Sidmouth are a strong club side with a long-established history and a very well run and hospitable club. Perhaps we had bitten off more than we could actually chew. But hang on...where were all the Incogniti cricketers at 2.00pm. Surely not still parking their cars or getting changed! We started with 9 players and in the time it took two of our players to get into their whites the opposition had plundered 30 runs. How was that happening?

Well, it was not through a lack of determination by our two opening bowlers who actually play for my Club Malmesbury in Wiltshire. Finn Beldon is every batsman's worst nightmare as a bowler. He bowls stump to stump just nibbling it away and then into you without any clear warning and bowls with good pace. At the other end Dillon Shah was running in like an express train giving the batsmen plenty to think about and then react to whether short or full in length.

However, the two opening bats as we later found out were both professionals playing their club cricket for Sidmouth CC and Seaton CC in the summer season and quite liked it coming on at pace. The first batsman was a Kiwi called Croft who was over for the season and the other player was Akeel Jordan from Barbados who had represented the West Indies in one day internationals. Oops.... what Manager would want to chase what these players could put on!

Well, Dillon Shah gave it everything, but the Manager felt spin might be a better option from the town end. At the other end Beldon was having none of this hero worship and firmly got about introducing himself to the batsmen. He bowled Croft for 25 and then had Brock smartly caught by Alec Clarke behind

with a cracking catch standing up to dismiss him for 2. Not content with that, Beldon bowled Gaywood for 8 and then had Jordan caught behind for 42, again a stunning catch by wicket keeper Clarke standing up only this time it was an even smarter catch with outstretched hands to his right as his ponytail flicked across his face like a prize showjumper horse with of course a very long tail!. Oh this was turning out to be the Beldon and Clarke show.

So, from a daunting 30-0 off 3 overs to 77-4 off 20 overs with two professionals back in the hutch, it was quite a turn of fortune for the Incogs with Beldon taking all four wickets. At the other end Nav Malik was continuing to grind away at the batsmen with his metronomic length and flight. He took a lovely caught and bowled chance to dismiss Patadr for 12 and in his 10 overs only conceded 40 runs for the one wicket.



### **The toss (Manager with jacket..no guessing required) Sidmouth Captain and Umpires**

Only Mitchell in the middle order offered any hope for Sidmouth as they reeled with wickets being taken for not many runs. Beldon was used mercilessly by the Manager for 13 straight overs (but he loved it..) to extract every ounce of flesh from him but also to see him take his fifth wicket which he did having Whitby LBW for 0. It was one of the best bowling displays I have seen from an Incogniti opening bowler against very good batsmen while also using the gentle Sidmouth slope.

“Sheddy” Mughal came on after Beldon’s spell had finished and he bowled 7 overs for what appeared a tad expensive with 47 runs coming off his bowling but, on the day it did not feel that way. He bowled the skipper Williams for 8 and the Manager clearly felt the damage was done by now so brought himself on after Malik’s overs had finished. A little cameo of 5 overs 1 wicket for 2 runs for the Manager having Bennett stumped by the now positively glowing Clarke for an unlucky number 13 and it was left to Nav Saeed to complete his overs having Burhop caught and bowled for 8 and that man Clarke running out Goldthorp for 1. I cannot recall an Incogniti wicket keeper getting two sharp catches behind, running out a batsman and stumping one in a game. Quite bizarre after only starting the game with 9 players.

Sidmouth were all out for 156 of which 11 were extras. Finn Beldon was the “star” bowler with 5 for 24 off 13 quite delicious overs which completely bamboozled the opposition batsmen. The double act was complete with Alec Clarke having his best day keeping taking four chances all cleanly.



**Two teams at the end with the sun going down on the beautiful, thatched Sidmouth CC pavilion**

(Just reminds the manager what beautiful weather we had for the cricket season in 2025)



**Finn Beldon being awarded the Spirit of Cricket award from the umpires**

Incogniti in reply started with Zain Ashar and Nav Malik. Zain was first to go for 1 off the quick right arm bowling of the Kiwi pro Croft. Nav Malik struck five well timed fours in his 24 before he was out LBW to the left arm orthodox spin of Gaywood.

Sheddy Mughal was in at three and, while he got off to a cautious start played some nice shots in his 16 runs before he was bowled by Croft. Enter Hugo Murray who last played for the Incogs on the Western Tour in 2024 at Sidbury CC and scored a fifty there. He looked in good touch despite not having played a lot of cricket and stroked some welcome two's and fours through the off-side. In his 52 not out he amassed 10 fours. He was partnered by his good friend from school Oliver Wood. Oliver looked a little shaky early on against the left arm orthodox bowling of Gaywood, this was Ollie's first game of the season having concentrated on his fitness for an Ironman in Leeds a month earlier. A couple of fours off Akeel Jordan's first two balls eased the pressure and both Murray and Wood tucked into Gaywood and Williams like a seagull devouring an abandoned meal of fish and chips with the latter conceding 23 runs off his two overs.

Murray's 52 came up in 45 balls and Wood's 50 came up in 36 balls. These two players led Incogniti to a 7 wicket win scoring 157 runs in 27.5 overs.



**(Left to Right) Hugo Murray 52 no and Oliver Wood 50 no.**

In the evening a few beers were had with the opposition skipper who was very hospitable and a few of the Sidmouth team. Unfortunately, not as many opposition players as we thought might attend did actually join us but we enjoyed our opportunity to play at this historic club and gain a valued win against a strong opposition.



**Tom Gadsby enjoying a beer after the game with Dillon Shah looking on and Alec Clarke (wicket keeper) with back to photo.**

In fact, in that photo Tom is sporting an Incogniti hand knitted jumper which has quite a long history.

**Tony Wood**

Played at The Fortfield, Sidmouth.on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025:-

SIDMOUTH C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
K.Croft b Beldon.....	25	#Z.Ashaar c Brock b Croft .....	1
A.Jordan c Clarke b Beldon .....	42	N.Malik lbw b Gaywood .....	24
C.Brock c Clarke b Beldon .....	2	S.Mughal b Croft.....	16
C.Gaywood b Beldon.....	8	#H.Murray Not Out.....	52
J.Patidar c Saeed b Malik.....	12	O.Wood Not Out .....	50
A.Mitchell Not Out.....	26	T.Gadsby DNB.....	
A.Whitby lbw b Beldon .....	0	N.Saeed DNB .....	
H.Williams b Mughal.....	8	#D.Shah DNB .....	
H.Bennett st Clarke b A.G.Wood.....	13	*F.Beldon DNB.....	
T.Burhop c & b Saeed.....	8	A.Clarke DNB.....	
H.Goldthorp Run Out.....	1	A.G.Wood DNB.....	
Extras.....	11	Extras .....	16
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>Total (for 3 wkts) .....</b>	<b>159</b>

Bowling: \*Beldon 13-2-24-5; #Shah 2-0-27-0; Malik 10-2-40-1; Saeed 4.2-1-6-1; Mughal 7-0-47-1; A.G.Wood 5-2-2-1.

**RESULT : WON BY 7 WICKETS.**

### **INCOGNITI C.C. v OTTERY ST. MARY C.C.**

Always such a hospitable opposition with a wonderful tea organised by the resourceful Kay Dean from Ottery St Mary as our host and, for the first time in quite a while Ottery St Mary batted first. Only George Prismall who opened the batting at No.1 scoring 33 and No's 10 & 11, a combination of Tom Jeacock and Alex Clements who were 24 and 36 not out respectively scored over 20 runs in the Ottery total of 177 for 9 off their 40 overs.

Sheddy Mughal picked up four wickets for 23 runs off his 8 overs and Abdi Zulficar also took two wickets for 22 runs off 6 overs. Two left arm orthodox bowlers taking six Ottery wickets with good variations and varying pace but the star bowler was Aiden Mughal (son of Sheddy) at 13 years of age and nearly as tall as his dad...! who came into the side on the afternoon of the game for an injured player. Aiden bowled with good pace and accuracy taking one wicket for 19 runs clean bowling Chouhan for 2 with his FIRST BALL. So not only a debut but a wicket with his first ball. Well done Aiden. A star bowler in the making for Berkshire without a doubt and one we hope to see playing for Incogniti next season and beyond.

It reminded me of my son Ollie who did exactly the same thing at Freith CC near Marlow over 10 years ago in the Chairman's day when he was at a similar age. Then we had Tim Sims our Secretary, Paul Furness, Sye Razvi playing along with other legends of Incogniti.

We should not forget the excellent opening right arm bowling of Zain Ashar who, from opening the batting in the previous game was now the opening bowler!! Only on tour can this happen not in club cricket... His 8 overs went for 42 and he took one wicket and Kiran Sakamuri toiled hard for his eight overs without success but kept a tight line giving away only 23 runs. In his middle 5 overs he only gave away one run. Nav Malik took the final wicket of Thomas.

Incogniti's opening bats of Rohit Syed and Antony Wood got underway but Wood was out for 2 early on misjudging a ball which bowled him around his ankles. Despite this variability in bounce Syed and Rob Harris bounced along nicely scoring fours at will. Harris was out first for a well compiled 35 and then Syed for 46 scoring 10 fours in his innings. Clearly keen to save his legs, boundaries were all that was required with more cricket to be played on tour.

Nav Malik and Alec Clarke were out cheaply and it was left to Abdi Zulficar and Sheddy Mughal who scored 30 and 34 respectively to see us close to the final score of 178 to win. However, there was a twist in the tail and by this Alex Clements the Ottery St Mary Keeper turned bowler was on his 8<sup>th</sup> over when he took 2 wickets in an over to complete his 5-16 off 8 overs. It was right down to the last pairing of Zain Ashar and Abdi Zulficar to get us across the line with a four from Zain to win the game. Another fine win so 2-0 up on wins on tour and next onto Sidbury CC on the Wednesday.

**Tony Wood**



**Aiden Mughal with hugely proud Dad Shahid “Sheddy” Mughal at Ottery St Mary CC (2025)**

Played at Salston Field, Ottery St. Mary.on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025:-

OTTERY ST. MARY C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
G.Prismall c R.Syed b S.Mughal.....	33	#R.Syed c Jeacock b Clements .....	46
D.Croxall c Clarke B Ashaar .....	9	A.G.Wood b Chouhan .....	2
N.Foster Run Out .....	6	R.Harris b Chouhan .....	35
H.Sharp b S.Mughal.....	2	N.Malik b Clements .....	8
A.Lovell b Zulfiqar .....	14	A.Clarke b Clements .....	0
H.Foster c Harris b S.Mughal.....	0	#MA.Zulfiqar Not Out.....	30
N.Chouhan b A.Mughal.....	2	S.Mughal c Jeacock b Sharp.....	34
M.Thomas b Malik.....	20	#K.Sakamuri b Sharp .....	0
S.Harland b S.Mughal.....	18	N.Saeed b Clements .....	4
T.Jeacock Not Out.....	24	#A.Mughal b Clements.....	0
A.Clements Not Out.....	36	#Z.Ashaar Not Out .....	6
Extras .....	13	Extras .....	15
<b>Total (for 9 wkts.).....</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>Total (for 9 wkts) .....</b>	<b>180</b>

Bowling: #Ashaar 8-1-42-1; #Sksmuri 8-2-23-0; S.Mughal 8-1-23-4; #Zulfiqar 6-1-22-2; #A.Mughal 4-0-19-1; Malik 6-0-38-1.

**RESULT : WON BY 1 WICKET.**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v SIDBURY C.C.

Our third game was over at Sidbury CC. Nestled in the rolling hills not far from Sidmouth down by the Millfield off the High Street. A scenic ground surrounded by trees with the River Otter at the southern end of the ground and a hospitable opposition. The epitome of a well-run village club. Everyone getting involved ensuring the hosts are welcomed with a cup of tea and enjoying a bit of chitter chatter at the start. A look at the very well-prepared track and flat outfield suggested we bat first if the toss was won.



### Incogniti CC

**Back Row L-R C.Dean (Umpire), I.Clark, A.Zulfiqar, L.Pettit, T.Gadsby, A.Ahmed, N.Saeed, A.Wood (Manager & Scorer)**

**Front Row L-R A.Iqbal, A.Clarke, N.Malik, Z.Ashar, K.Sakamuri**

Ian Clark was making his debut for Incogniti opening with Zain Ashar. Both stylish left-handed opening bats. Which left handers are not stylish looking? David Gower, Brian Lara, the list runs on. They both got off to a great start actually mimicking each other's scoring shots and total per over in the first two overs. Clark was .464. and Ashar was .464.. Score was 28 off the first two overs.

Clark played a delicious drive over long off for 6 and Ashar picked up Crick and put him over midwicket for 6. Sidbury's bowler's struggled against the early onslaught and Clark raced to his 53 in 42 balls. Ashar made 35 in 34 balls and Azeem Ahmed coming in a No.3 kept the run rate going. A more watchful start he made a couple of boundaries early on and then enjoyed just batting picking off the bad ball for 4. His 45 came off 70 balls including 7 fours.

Alec Clarke looking to replicate his form from last season was out for 8 but Lloyd Pettit who was guesting made a sparkling 33 off 34 balls. No less than 7 fours in his 33. Kiran Sakamuri made an impressive start with two fours reaching 10 in quick time but he was out to the bowling of the novelist Bidder for 10.

It was left to the bat of Zulfiqar, a player who had dominated all tour with bat and ball to register a very well executed 52 not out. His first 6 balls were scoring shots including a four and a six. He reached his

52 in 23 balls scoring 3 sixes and 6 fours. Supported by Ashar Iqbal having his first bat on tour, Incogniti made 257 in 39 overs. An imposing total to chase down.

For Sidbury, Sanders who got a bit of early tap with 14 off his first over came back well taking 3-70 off 10.3 overs. Ed Chester the Sidbury skipper bowled a tidy spell of 11-1-45-1 and Will Bidder bowling his 4 overs for 25 taking two well earned wickets.

In reply Sidbury got off to a shocker. Skelly was out for 0 having faced 18 balls, Collin followed with 0 off 4 balls, Green for 1 and Sanders who had bowled his heart out was retired not out injured for 8. Only Will Bidder the effective left-handed opener managed to stay in against the opening bowling spell of Ashaar Iqbal and Tom Gadsby.

It was, in fact, Tom Gadsby who took the plaudits. Coming from the High Street end, his legs pumping with only a slight element of wooden ness in them after the game v Sidmouth, Gadsby showed all his class after a four off his first over then registering 4 successive maidens taking the wicket of Collin in his fifth over to register a wicket maiden. No doubt the influence of members of his family watching his game spurred him on . He even had the temerity to come back for a second spell and took the wicket of Fitzhenry. Fine figures of 6.2-4-10-3 meant he was second top wicket taker for Incogniti on the day.

Ashaar Iqbal was a consistent performer on the day with the ball. He bowled 11 overs 2 for 39 but it was left to Nav Malik who continues to impress with his varied flight and pace to catch batsmen out recording his first five wicket haul on tour. He picked off with stealth the middle order of Sidbury's Hodder, Chester, Lienart and Astley-Jones along with the dangerous opening bat Bidder with a well-crafted 49 to reach match figures of 10-1-37-5. An impressive showing from the Middlesex +50 cricketer.

Incogniti came out victorious by 97 runs with 3 wins on tour. Could it be 4 out of 4. Something never done on the Western Tour under the Manager's leadership since the tour was resurrected.

A few burgers at the end courtesy of the Sidbury BBQ and we were off for an evening meal in Exeter.

**Tony Wood**

Played at Sidbury C.C.on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		SIDBURY C.C.	
*I.Clark c Skelly b Sanders.....	53	W.Bidder b Malik.....	49
#Z.Ashaar c Astley-Jones b Sanders .	35	J.Skelly b Gadsby.....	0
#A.Ahmed st Hodder b Chester .....	45	B.Collin b Gadsby.....	0
A.Clarke c Bidder b Sanders.....	8	R.Green b Iqbal.....	1
#L.Pettit c Green b Bidder.....	33	S.Sanders Not Out.....	8
#K.Sakamuri c Hodder b Bidder .....	10	L.Hodder c Zulfiqar b Malik .....	23
#MA.Zulfiqar Not Out .....	52	E.Chester b Malik.....	27
A.Iqbal Not Out .....	4	S.Lienart b Malik.....	5
T.Gadsby DNB DNB.....		S.Astley-Jones c Pettit b Malik.....	4
N.Saeed DNB.....		C.Fitzhenry c Iqbal b Gadsby.....	18
N.Malik DNB.....		S.Crick b Iqbal.....	0
Extras .....	17	Extras .....	25
<b>Total (for 6 wkts).....</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>160</b>

Bowling: Iqbal 8-2-39-2; Gadsby 6.2-4-10-3; Saeed 9-0-47-0; Malik 10-1-37-5; #Sakamuri 3-1-3-0; #Zulfiqar 1-0-8-0.

**RESULT : WON BY 97 RUNS**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v TIPTON ST. JOHN C.C.

### David Birch reaches 800 wickets for Tipton



### Tipton tumble to defeat against Incogniti

Tipton welcomed the return of Incogniti Cricket Club for the 4th time, a wandering club that formed in 1861. Given the option, our distinguished visitors chose to bat first with Naveed Saeed and Lloyd Pettit opening, facing David Birch and Arthur Coles. Birch opened with a maiden, but Pettit took a couple of boundaries from his 2nd, whilst Coles followed this up with a maiden of his own. A much-anticipated event happened in Birch's 3rd over when Pettit drove a ball straight to Tom Jeacock at mid-off to give Birch his 800th Tipton wicket. For details see 'Statto's corner' at the end. Pettit scored 10 and was replaced by Alex Clarke.

Clarke did not dwell long as Arthur Coles bowled him for 5. Coles bowled very well in his age restricted 4 over spell taking 1-14. Azeem Ahmed was next in and he proved to be more troublesome. The speed of Coles replacement from the river end, Ross Williams resulted in some boundaries flying off the edge on the fast outfield. Birch's 8 over spell concluded at the early drinks break after 15 overs with the score at 76-2, he took 1-35. Naveed's innings ended shortly after when bowled by Williams for 39 off 50 balls. A double bowling change saw Phil Wright and John Buckland take over. At the mid-innings point, Incogniti were 112-2

Four wickets then fell for the addition of six runs in the next 6 overs to swing the match Tipton's way. Tom Gadsby (who holds Tipton number 244 after an appearance in 2012 and a previous visitor with Cublington 2003-2011) was in at no.5. He took a boundary off Wright, but tried unsuccessfully to clear Tom Jeacock at mid-on in Wrights next over. Jeacock's leap and long reach just held onto the ball. Dillon Shah was then bowled by Wright for two to become his 50th victim for the season before John Buckland took over the wicket taking. Azeem Ahmed had batted for an hour scoring 48 from 54 balls, but drove a ball from Buckland to Nalin Chouhan at short mid-off, and then Waseem Iqbal was bowled 3rd ball for a duck. Therefore, at 118-7 Tipton's tails were up hoping for a low target to chase and an early tea. Sadly it was not to be as there were no bunnies in the Incogniti line up.

Abdi Zulfiqar took a liking to Wright's slow bowling and hit two sixes and two boundaries from his 6th & 7th overs so was replaced by Nalin Chouhan. Wright had taken 2-37 from 7 overs. After a partnership of 34, Buckland bagged a 3rd wicket thanks to a smart stumping by Dave Thayre. Zain Ashar had played a secondary roll scoring 9 from 20 balls. This was still not the breakthrough Tipton

were hoping for as Nav Malik joined Zulfiqar to add a further 52 runs for the 9th wicket. The score reached 200 in the 37th over, but Zulfiqar was denied his half century as Anthony Femia took a good catch at extra cover off Nalin Chouhan having reached 47 from just 31 balls. Chouhan then wrapped up the innings bowling Ashaar Iqbal for a first ball duck. Incogniti closed on 215 with Chouhan taking 2-33 and Buckland 3-28.

Tipton's reply after a splendid Liz Thayre tea was promising. Dave Alford did a lot of flashing, but survived whilst a more cultured Tom Jeacock scored some boundaries and a six off Dillon Shah. The 50 partnership came in the 11th over, but Tony Wood struck in his 7th trapping Alford LBW having scored 17 from 51 balls. The mid innings point had Tipton behind the clock on 80-1. Anthony Femia survived a drop at mid-wicket on 14, but did not prosper as was caught off the bowling of Ashar Iqbal by Zain Ashar after adding two more. A good partnership followed between Jeacock and John Buckland. Jeacock reached his 50 off 61 balls. Despite their efforts, 89 were still needed off the last 10 overs.

In attempting to increase the scoring rate, Jeacock was finally dismissed on 65 when stumped by Clarke off Zulfiqar. Nalin Chouhan joined Buckland as 38 were added in just 3 overs, but then Tipton's wheels fell off with a mighty Tipton tumble as 5 wickets fell for the addition of just one run. Buckland was caught at slip by Malik off Zulfiqar for 47 from 46 then Arthur Coles was bowled by Nav Malik without scoring. Ross Williams had his stumps rattled by Zulfiqar first ball, then Dave Thayre perished to the same bowler when caught by Ashar Iqbal for the 3rd duck of the innings. Scorer Wright was scurrying for his pads, but thankfully was not needed as David Birch and Sam Thayre saw out the final 10 balls as Tipton closed on 180-8, losing by 35 runs.

Abdi Zulfiqar ended with fine figures of 4-36 from his 8 overs whilst John Buckland earned the Tipton John Williamson 'player of the match' award. Tom Gadsby presented a signed bat to David Birch from Incogniti in recognition of him reaching 800 wickets.

“Statto Corner” for Tipton

- David Birch is the 4th Tipton player to take 800 wickets following John 'JR' Rodgers in 2006 (though would have scored more between 1979 and 1984 for which records are lost) David O'Higgins in 2015 and Phil Wright in 2016.
- This target was achieved in his 686th match starting in 1997 when he played a solitary match. His best year is 2006 when 49 were taken.
- Phil Wright reached 50 wickets for the season. Only four players have achieved this, JR 5 times David O'Higgins & Wright 4 times and John Williamson once
- It was Tom Jeacock's 2nd 50 for Tipton
- John Buckland's 47 takes him to 4758 runs and overtakes Kevin Jones into 7th place in the 'hall of fame'

\* Tumbles are not new against Incogniti, last year Tipton lost 7 wickets for 14 runs, slipping from 33-4 to 47 all out.

• One of Statto's victims Dillon Shah is the great grandson of Stanley Hurst who was a former railway porter at Tipton St John in 1933. He was born in Newton St Cyres in 1911, his father being the station master there. Stanley played football for Tipton St John and after a trial played for Exeter City from 1932-1936 before playing for Watford, Brighton and Aldershot. He returned to railway work in Crediton and played for Crediton Utd after the war.



**Tom Gadsby presenting David Birch with a signed “mini” bat from Incogniti to recognise his 800<sup>th</sup> wicket v Incogniti CC**

From humble beginnings where the tour looked as though it might not go ahead we rallied and came away with 4 wins out of 4. My thanks to all the tourists for their support, to Christopher Dean who continues to tour with us as our umpire now into his 80's and a fine former Incogniti cricketer. Our thoughts were also on tour with Tim Sims our Honorary Secretary who came down to support us on the Tuesday at Ottery St Mary with his lovely wife Kate but who had to cut short the tour as his father passed away on the Wednesday while we were playing at Sidbury CC. Tim Sims (Senior) played for Incogniti in his 70's and I personally remember playing alongside him when I was in my early 40's. Our thoughts and well wishes are with Tim and Kate Sims and their family.

**Tony Wood**

Played at Tipton St. John C.C.on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		TIPTON ST. JOHN C.C.	
N.Saeed b Williams.....	39	D.Alford lbw b Wood.....	17
#L.Pettit c Jeacock b Birch.....	10	T.Jeacock st Clarke b Zulfiqar.....	65
A.Clarke b Coles.....	5	A.Fernia c Ashaar b A.Iqbal.....	16
#A.Ahmed c Chouhan b Buckland.....	48	J.Buckland c Malik b Zulfiqar.....	47
T.Gadsby c Jeacock b Wright.....	4	A.Coles c Ahmed b Malik.....	17
#D.Shah b Wright.....	2	N.Chouhan b Malik.....	0
#Z.Ashaar st D.Thayre b Buckland....	9	R.Williams b Zulfiqar.....	0
#W.Iqbal b Buckland.....	0	D.Thayre c A.Iqbal b Zulfiqar.....	0
#MA.Zulfiqar c Fernia b Chouhan.....	47	S.Thayre Not Out.....	1
N.Malik Not Out.....	33	D.Birch Not Out.....	0
A.Iqbal b Chouhan.....	0	P.Wright DNB.....	17
Extras.....	18	Extras.....	17
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>215</b>	<b>Total (for 8 wkts.)</b> .....	<b>180</b>

Bowling: #Shah 5-1-21-0; Wood 8-2-22-1; Saeed 8-0-32-0; A.Iqbal 8-0-38-1; #Zulfiqar 8-1-36-4; Malik 2-1-20-2; #Pettit 1-0-1-0.

**RESULT : WON BY 35 RUNS**

### INCOGNITI C.C. v CHISWICK C.C.

Played at Chiswick C.C.on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		CHISWICK C.C.	
#Z.Ashaar st Brookes b Dyson.....	6	G.Baptiste c Saeed b Arnould.....	0
N.Malik lbw bHurst-Isaac.....	51	S.Hall c Syed b Arnould.....	9
H.Rogers c? b Bhatia.....	50	R.Chasna b Arnould.....	8
*A.Ali c? b Dyson.....	66	T.Alexander c White b Gill.....	19
#R.Syed Retired Out.....	49	R.Ohrey Run Out.....	14
#G.Radhakrishnan c? b Connie.....	12	S.Brookes b Gill.....	2
#O.White Not Out.....	21	S.Bhatia c Arnould b Gill.....	0
A.Gill Not Out.....	18	<b>Connie</b> Not Out.....	39
#MA.Zulfiqar DNB.....		M.Redfern c Rogeres b Ali.....	12
<b>#Jesal</b> DNB.....		M.Dyson c Zulfiqar b Ali.....	17
Saeed DNB.....		B.Hurst-Isaac Not Out.....	0
Extras.....	18	Extras.....	7
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>215</b>	<b>Total (for 9 wkts.)</b> .....	<b>127</b>

Bowling:Arnould 7-2-23-3; #White 5-0-17-0;Gill 5-1-16-3; **#Jesal** 6-2-19-0; #Radhakrishnan 4-0-5-0; \*Ali 5-0-18-2; Saeed 4-0-6-0.

**RESULT : MATCH DRAWN**

## INCOGNITI C.C v GUARDS C.C.

The last game of the Incogs summer fixtures, we faced the Guards at the picturesque Burton Court. After the opposition had suffered a last-minute drop out, Nav Saeed nobly stepped up and played for the opposition managing after 5 overs to replace the opposition wicket keeper, and take over the captaincy of the side by the 15th over he was determined to have an impact on the game. The Incogs won the toss and without hesitation elected to bat first. Ian Clark (71) and Anil Gill (28) opened the batting and particularly Ian got Incogs off to a flying start reaching 113 of 16 overs before the first wicket fell. This did not lead to any rest bite for the Guards team as Kaps picked up where Ian left of scoring 73 of 40 balls. Supported by Ro (54\* off 37) Oliver (14\*) and Jay (7) taking Incogs to very strong 294-4 off 35 Overs.

Who else but captain, keeper leader Nav Saeed strolled out to open the batting. He was met by Fin (5-2-16-1) and Ollie (7-0-13-2) who bowled well at the top of the innings managing to pick up the wickets of the Guards top 3 relatively cheaply. This brought A Jones and G Figgs to the crease (rumoured to have won the Middlesex Prem the day before). they batted very well taking this innings deep Ian Clark took a fine catch to remove A Jones, opening the door to Jay (5.3-0-30-4) and Gotham (7-0-49-1) to break through the guards tail securing a 93 run victory for the Incogs.

**Harry Rogers**

Played at Burton Court on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		GUARDS C.C.	
*I.Clark lbw b Jones.....	71	A.Smith c Balasubramaniam b Beldon...	0
A.Gill b Yacoub-Khan .....	28	N.Saeed c Clark b O.White .....	11
K.Balasubramaniam c Saeed b Jones .	73	A.Yacoub-Khan c Clark b O.White.....	0
#R.Syed Not Out.....	54	A.Jones c Clark b Rogers .....	90
#J.Chohan c Jones b Huda.....	7	G.Figgs c O.White b Radhakrishnan ....	57
#O.White Not Out.....	14	H.Huda Run Out .....	1
H.Rogers DNB.....		D.Smith b Chohan.....	2
B.Willsher DNB.....		L.Dan b Chohan .....	3
#J.White DNB.....		R.Wilsons town Not Out.....	6
*F.Beldon DNB .....		Josh Smith b Chohan.....	0
#G.Radhakrishnan DNB .....		Julian Smith st Balas'iam b Chohan ...	12
Extras .....	47	Extras .....	19
<b>Total (for 4 wkts).....</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>201</b>

Bowling:\*Beldon 5-2-16-1; #O.White 7-0-13-2; Willsher 5-0-56-0; #Radhakrishnan 7-0-49-1; Gill 2-0-23-0; #Chohan 5.3-0-30-4; Rogers 1-0-4-1.

**WON BY 93 RUNS**

## SOUTH AFRICA TOUR

*Sun, cricket, close finishes, and a few sore muscles...*

The adventure began with players arriving from all over the world, including **London, Dubai**, and several other cities. After long flights and varying degrees of jet lag, the group was expertly rounded up at Cape Town Airport by **Neil Watson**. Herding a full touring party after overnight flights proved “interesting”, but everyone made it onto the coach and headed into the city, checking in at the **Holiday Inn City Centre**.

### Day 1 – Survival Mode

With energy levels understandably low, Day 1 was all about recovery. After a much-needed snooze, the group ventured out for an easy, relaxed dinner at the local **Spur**, easing into tour mode and officially kicking off what would be an unforgettable week.

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### The Touring Party

A strong mix of experience, debutants, and characters:

Naveed Saeed, Saima Iqbal, Nav Malik, Sophia Malik, Harry Gadsby, Asif Ali, Azeem, Phil Arnould, Raman Suri, Gautham, Stephen King, Harry De Coteau, Lawrence De Coteau, Maxwell Owen Walton, Colin Walton, Muhammad Abdullah Zulfiqar, Charles Fellows-Smith, Carol Clarke, Alec Clarke, Rohit Syed.

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### Warming Up – Literally

The team headed to **Western Province Cricket Club (WPCC)** for nets, shaking off travel fatigue and loosening the limbs. A warm-down in a *very* cool pool followed, which was enthusiastically received by everyone.

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### Match Day 1 – vs Groot Drakenstein (Franschhoek)

A scenic one-hour drive took the team to **Franschhoek** for the opening fixture. **Nav Saeed** captained the side, and tradition was upheld — tourists bat first so the hosts can enjoy fielding in peak heat.

The innings got off to a dramatic start with **Stephen King** departing second ball, despite being one of the most experienced tourists. **Rohit Syed** and **Raman Suri** steadied things, both scoring **39**, as Incogs reached **161 for 9** in their 40 overs.

Groot Drakenstein chased the total down in the 35th over, with **Abdullah** impressing with **three wickets**. Despite the result, it was a perfect opening day: competitive cricket, fantastic hospitality, a brilliant **braai**, and presentations that set the tone for the tour.

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### Match Day 2 – vs Claremont (Constantia Sports Complex)

A stunning setting greeted the team at the **Constantia Sports Complex**, complete with top-class facilities and an equally impressive bar. **Nav Malik** took the captaincy. Incogs lost the toss and were asked to field.

Claremont started aggressively, posting **218 from 40 overs**. Nav Malik led from the front with the ball, claiming **3 for 25 from 8 overs**.

The chase began well, with the first wicket falling at 64. Momentum stayed with Incogs thanks to a sensational innings from **Asif Ali**, who smashed a brilliant **89**. While he was at the crease, victory looked well within reach, but once he fell, wickets followed. Incogs finished on **196 for 9**, narrowly losing a thrilling contest.

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### Match Day 3 – vs Western Province CC

Few grounds can rival **WPCC**, with **Table Mountain** providing a postcard-perfect backdrop. **Stephen King** captained the side, drawing on past touring experience.

On a windy Cape Town day, Kingy won the toss and chose to field. WPCC reached **176 for 7** and declared after 40 overs on a tricky wicket. The spinners once again impressed: **Nav Malik** (1 for 26) and **Abdullah** (2 for 25).

The reply started shakily with early wickets, including the skipper being run out. **Raman Suri** and **Rohit Syed** rebuilt superbly, scoring **30** and **48** respectively. Late cameos from **Max Walton** and **Harry De Coteau** kept hopes alive, but the chase ended in heartbreak — **169 all out**, with **Nav Malik dismissed off the final ball**. Another match decided by the finest of margins.

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### Match Day 4 – vs Scorpions CC

Things heated up inland against **Scorpions CC**, both in temperature and intensity. **Harry Gadsby** captained the side at the spectacular **Heineken Oval**, set among vineyards.

Batting first again, Incogs got a flying start thanks to **Abdullah**, who struck a rapid **54**. On a slow surface, **Max Walton (33)** and **Gautham (30)** helped push the total to **171 for 9**.

What followed was a harsh lesson in South African conditions. Scorpions' openers put on **153 for the first wicket**, chasing the total in just **30 overs** with only one wicket lost. Despite the heavy defeat, the day ended on a positive note — reconnecting with old friends, reminiscing over historic Incogs photos, and adding new memories to the walls.

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### Match Day 5 – vs Black Batts CC

The final match took place at the **Gary Kirsten Oval** against **Black Batts CC**, captained by former South African international **Steve Elworthy**. **Rohit Syed** led the Incogs for the first time as skipper. Determined to finish strong, Incogs delivered a disciplined bowling performance. **Nav Malik (3 for 24)**, **Phil Arnould (3 for 27)**, and **Abdullah (2 for 22)** spun Black Batts out for **177 in 38 overs**.

In reply, Rohit led by example with **36**, while **Asif Ali** once again provided fireworks with a powerful **69**, clearing the path for victory. Incogs chased the target in **38 overs**, losing six wickets, sealing a superb win and the perfect way to end the tour.

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### Tour Highlights

Beyond cricket, the tour was packed with unforgettable experiences: **safaris, Table Mountain, the V&A Waterfront, world-class restaurants, and famous vineyards**.

The group fully embraced the culture, diversity, and warmth of South Africa. Friendships were strengthened, new memories created, and by the end of the tour there was only one question left...

**Where to next?**

**Nav Saeed – Tour Manager**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v GROOT DRAKENSTEIN C.C.

Played at Groot Drakenstein on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		GROOT DRAKENSTEIN C.C.	
S.King b McNught.....	0	S.Petzer lbw b Zulfiqar.....	21
#R.Syed c Boulton b McTiffin .....	39	M.Combrink c Suri b Zulfiqar.....	51
R.Suri c Bourbon-Leftley b McTiffin.	37	C.Bourbon-Leftley b Zulfiqar.....	17
#A.Ahmed lbw b Taylor .....	26	Z.Barnard c Clarke b Radhakrishnan....	32
*A.Ali lbw b Taylor .....	4	J.Boulton Retired Not Out.....	1
H.De Coteau c Bourbon-Leftley b Slabbert17		C.McNaught Not Out.....	11
#MA.Zulfiqar Run Out.....	5	N.Slabbert Not Out.....	13
H.Gadsby b Slabbert.....	1	S.McTiffin DNB.....	
A.Clarke b Taylor .....	1	B.Taylor DNB.....	
#G.Radhakrishnan Not Out.....	15	M.Rust DNB.....	
N.Saeed Not Out.....	2	A.Sheratt DNB.....	
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Extras.....	14	Extras.....	17
<b>Total (for 9 wickets).....</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>Total (for 46 wickets).....</b>	<b>163</b>

Bowling: Gadsby 5-1-13-0; De Coteau 8-0-31-0; #Zulfiqar 8-1-42-3; \*Ali 7-0-44-0; #Radhakrishnan 5.1-0-22-1; Saeed 1-0-4-0.

**RESULT : LOST BY 6 WICKETS**



**Penalty for a Primary - Steve King**



**Post-match supper**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v CLAREMONT C.C.



Played at RJE. Burt Oval, Cape Town on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025:-

CLAREMONT C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
B.Nash Retired Out.....	60	*A.Ali c Swanepoel b Narrowmore.....	89
H.Swanepoel Retired Out .....	71	M.Walton lbw b Wilson .....	13
J.Englebrecht c Suri b Malik .....	8	#A.Ahmed lbw b Englebrecht .....	11
R.Brown c Walton b De Coteau .....	1	H.De Coteau lbw b Englebrecht .....	0
B.Narrowmore c Gadsby b Malik .....	19	H.Gadsby b Englebrecht.....	0
J.South c Walton b Malik.....	1	S.King b South .....	25
S.South b Radhakrishnan .....	24	R.Suri b South .....	12
S.Riley c Ali b Radhakrishnan .....	22	#MA. Zulfiqar b South .....	9
G.Rielly Not Out .....	6	N.Malik Not Out .....	5
G.Hill b Radhakrishnan.....	0	P.S.Arnould c? b South .....	4
B.Wilson DNB.....		N.Saeed Not Out .....	0
.....		G.Radhakrishnan DNB.....	
Extras .....	6	Extras .....	28
<b>Total (for 9 wickets) .....</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>Total (for 9 wickets).....</b>	<b>196</b>

Bowling: Arnould 6-0-46-0; Saeed 6-0-33-0; Gadsby 5-0-27-0;#Zulfiqar 5-0-23-0; Malik 8-1-25-3; #Radhakrishnan 2-1-6-3.

**RESULT : LOST BY 22 RUNS**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v WESTERN PROVINCE C.C.



Played at Avenue De Mist, Rondebosch on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025:-

WESTERN PROVINCE C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
S.Dyson c & b Malik.....	16	*A.Ali c? b Pope.....	0
T.Nieberg c Syed b Gadsby .....	6	S.King Run Out.....	6
L.Peterson b De Coteau.....	34	#A.Ahmed c Barlow b Pope.....	15
T.Ellis-Cole c Radhakrishnan b Zulfiqar	44	R.Suri lbw b?.....	30
M.Munga b Radhakrishnan.....	0	#R.Syed Run Out.....	48
O.Melvill Run Out.....	21	M.Walton Not Out.....	21
G.Jansen lbw b Zulfiqar.....	2	A.Clarke Run Out.....	8
N.Barlow Not Out.....	22	H.De Coteau c? b Melvill.....	18
A.Flanagan Not Out.....	16	#G.Radhakrishnan b Melvill.....	1
T.Pope DNB.....		N.Saeed lbw b?.....	1
D.Mitchell DNB.....		N.Malik b Melvill.....	1
.....		H.Gadsby DNB.....	
.....		#MA.Zulfiqar DNB.....	
Extras.....	14	Extras.....	21
<b>Total (for 7 wickets).....</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>170</b>

Bowling: Gadsby 8-1-40-1; Malik 6-0-26-1; #Radhakrishnan 9-1-45-1; De Coteau 9-1-29-1; #Zulfiqar 8-0-25-2.

**RESULT : LOST BY 6 RUNS**



**Steve King presenting shirt to WPCC captain and Abdullah Zulfiqar with bowling award**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v STELLENBOSCH SCORPIONS C.C.



Played at Moara Vlasiei Cricket Ground, Bucharest on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		STELLENBOSCH SCORPIONS C.C.	
#MA.Zulfiqar c? b Stander.....	54	J.Englebrecht c Suri b Radhakrishnan ..	70
N.Malik b Esterhuizen .....	2	K.Koetze Not Out.....	80
R.Suri Run Out.....	1	W.Esterhuizen Not Out .....	16
P.S.Arnould c? b Esterhuizen.....	12	D.Bakker DNB.....	
A.Clark c? b Stander .....	1	R.Van Der Rheede DNB .....	
#G.Radhakrishnan c? b Englebrecht ..	30	G.Stander DNB .....	
M.Walton c? b Stander.....	33	Joubert DNB.....	
#R.Syed c? b Van Der Rheede .....	15	J.Leuvenink DNB.....	
S.King Not Out .....	13	AN. Other DNB.....	
H.Gadsby c? b Stander.....	7	AN.Other DNB.....	
N.Saeed Not Out .....	3	AN.Other DNB.....	
Extras .....	8	Extras .....	14
<b>Total (for 5 wickets) .....</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>Total (for 1 wkt.).....</b>	<b>180</b>

Bowling: Walton 4-0-24-0; Gadsby 4-1-12-0; #Syed 5-0-26-0; King 4-0-34-0;  
#Radhakrishnan 4-0-33-1.

**RESULT : LOST BY 9 WICKETS**



**Harry Gadsby tossing up**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v BLACK BATTS C.C.



Played at Gary Kirsten Oval, Cape Town on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025:-

BLACK BATTS C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
Ross Run Out.....	24	#R.Syed <b>b Steve</b> .....	36
Mike b Malik .....	21	*A.Ali Hit Wkt <b>b Graham</b> .....	67
Jason b Malik .....	3	#A.Ahmed <b>b Dylan</b> .....	9
Paul lbw b De Coteau.....	18	M.Walton lbw <b>b Lee</b> .....	15
Bruce b Zulfiqar.....	32	#MA.Zulfiqar <b>c Jason b Dylan</b> .....	7
Dylan b Malik.....	0	H.De Coteau <b>st Sean b Lee</b> .....	14
Steve b Arnould .....	35	A.Clarke Not Out .....	1
Lee b Arnould .....	9	H.Gadsby Not Out.....	4
Drew c De Coteau b Arnould.....	9	P.S.Arnould DNB.....	
Sean lbw b Zulfiqar.....	1	#G.Radhakrishnan DNB.....	
Brendan Not Out.....	4	N.Malik DNB .....	
Graham DNB .....		.....	
Extras .....	16	Extras .....	21
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>172</b>	<b>Total (for 6 wkts.)</b> .....	<b>174</b>

Bowling: Gadsby 5-0-19-0; #Radhakrishnan 6-0-39-0; Malik 8-2-24-3; De Coteau 8-2-30-1; #Zulfiqar 6-0-22-2; Arnould 5-0-27-3.

**RESULT : WON BY 4 WICKETS**



**Interview for a YouTube channel!**

**Tourists in relaxed mode!**



## BATTING AVERAGES OF MEMBERS

(QUALIFICATION: 3 COMPLETED INNINGS)

	Matches	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Avg	C.	St.
H. Rogers .....	5	4	1	184	50	61.33	4	
N. Malik .....	17	12	4	260	68*	32.50	3	
M. Walton .....	4	4	1	82	33	27.33	2	
A. Gill .....	7	5	1	107	43	26.75	2	
K. Balasubramaniam ....	4	4	0	95	73	23.75	2	2
N. Saeed .....	20	12	7	117	39	23.40	13	
R. Suri .....	5	5	0	82	37	16.40	3	
S. Mughal .....	8	6	0	97	34	16.17	2	
S. King .....	4	4	1	44	25	18.80		
H. De Coteau .....	4	4	0	49	18	12.25	1	
S. Bowry.....	7	7	2	55	21	11.00	2	
A. Iqbal.....	12	7	3	38	23	9.50	5	
H. Gadsby.....	9	9	2	65	31	9.29	3	
A. Clarke .....	9	8	2	24	8	4.00	4	2

The following Members also played. B. West (47\*,101,70,3c), D. Grahame (30,19,74\*,1c), B. Birtles (3,52\*), R. Sehmi (45), J. Lockwood (25,48), R. Harris (dnb, 35,1c), P. Pearce (9,1c), F. Harris (9), P.S. Arnould (dnb x 2,4,12,1c), A. Pervaiz (1,2c), T.Gadsby (dnb x 2,4), S. Baxter (3), A.G. Wood (dnb x 2,2), B. Willsher (dnb,1), I. Khan (45\*), J. Andrews (0), O. Wood (50\*), D Boothroyd (dnb).

## BOWLING AVERAGES OF MEMBERS

(QUALIFICATION: 5 WICKETS)

	Overs	M'dns	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
S. Mughal .....	61	12	187	21	8.90
N. Malik .....	92.1	17	355	28	12.68
A. Gill .....	17	4	78	6	13.00
P.S. Arnould.....	20	2	96	6	16.00
A. Iqbal.....	86.3	12	410	18	22.78
H. Gadsby.....	55	6	223	8	27.87
N. Saeed .....	74	9	303	5	60.60

Also bowled. I. Khan (6-1-25-0), M. Walton (4-0-24-0), B. Willsher (9-0-69-0), S. King (4-0-34-0), S. Baxter (3-0-27-0), S. Eyre (4-0-36-0), A.G. Wood (13-4-24-3), T. Gadsby (6.2-4-10-3), H. Rogers (1-0-44-1), D. Boothroyd (6-1-17-2), B. West (32-4-106-3), H. De Coteau (33-4-142-3), B. Birtles (12-2-48-1), S. Bowry (9-1-64-1).

## BATTING AVERAGES OF CANDIDATES

### WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED MEMBERS

Matches Innings N.O. Runs H.S. Avge. C. ST.

A. Ajgaonkar.....	6	6	1	341	138	68.20	2
*I. Clark.....	2	2	0	124	71	62.00	3
A. Ali.....	9	9	0	302	89	33.56	2
F. Beldon.....	3	1	0	5	5	5.00	

## BOWLING AVERAGES OF CANDIDATES

### WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED MEMBERS

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wickets	Average
F. Beldon.....	28	4	77	12	6.42
A. Ali.....	37	2	190	5	38.00

\* Elected on 'fast-track' basis at Committee's discretion.

## NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES

### BATTING

*A. Ajgaonkar .....	138	v Free Foresters
*A. Ajgaonkar .....	104*	v Windsor Boys School
B. West .....	101	v John Lyon School
#R. Syed .....	96	v Oxford Downs
*A. Ali .....	89	v Claremont
*A. Ajgaonkar .....	75	v Wiltshire Queries
D. Grahame.....	74*	v Oratory School
K. Balasubramaniam.....	73	v Guards
*I. Clark.....	71	v Guards
B. West .....	70	v Tiffin School
N. Malik.....	68*	v Old Wykehamists
*A. Ali .....	67	v Black Batts
*A. Ali .....	66	v Chiswick
#J. Syed .....	64	v Datchet
#S. Moss .....	55	v Hurlingham Club
#R. Burke.....	54	v Old Wykehamists
#M.A. Zulfiqar.....	54	v Stellenbosch Scorpions
*I. Clark.....	53	v Sidbury
#A. Ahmed .....	53	v Trowbridge
#M.A. Zulfiqar.....	52*	v Sidbury
#H. Murray .....	52*	v Sidmouth
N. Malik.....	51	v Chiswick
O. Wood .....	50*	v Sidmouth
H. Rogers.....	50	v Chiswick

### BOWLING

S. Mughal .....	6 for 27	v Hurlingham Club
*F. Beldon .....	6 for 37	v H.A.C.
S. Mughal.....	6 for 41	v Datchet
*F. Beldon .....	5 for 24	v Sidmouth
N. Malik .....	5 for 37	v Sidbury
N. Malik.....	4 for 4	v Oratory School
S. Mughal .....	4 for 23	v Ottery St. Mary
#J. Chohan .....	4 for 30	v Guards
A. Iqbal.....	4 for 32	v Oxford Downs
#M.A. Zulfiqar.....	4 for 36	v Tipton St. John
N. Malik.....	4 for 55	v Oxford Downs
A. Iqbal.....	4 for 59	v Old Wykehamists

## **Safeguarding Policy Statement**

Incogniti Cricket Club (The Club) is committed to ensuring all Children (i.e all persons under the age of 18) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience. We will do this by:

Recognising all children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have the right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.

Ensuring individuals working within cricket at, or for, our club provide a welcoming, safe, and fun experience for children.

Adopting and implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) “Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children” and any future versions of this.

Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB.

Ensuring all people who work in cricket at, or for, our club (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) have a responsibility for safeguarding children, and understand how the “Safe Hands Policy” applies to them.

Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.

Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the club are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and Code of Conduct guidelines defined by the ECB, and the club.

Ensuring the name and contact details of the Club Welfare Officer is available:

As the first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within the club.

As a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee and members.

As the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Safeguarding Team.

As the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding.

Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child safeguarding concerns.

Providing an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns (about possible suspected child abuse/neglect, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer. Details of the County Welfare Officer will be made available, in case the Club Welfare officer is unavailable, or the concern relates to the Club Welfare officer.

Ensuring all suspicions concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

Ensuring access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters is restricted to those who need to know in order to safeguard children – including the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.

## **Code Of Conduct For Cricket Club Members, Candidates and Guests**

All Members, Candidates and Guests of Incogniti Cricket club, including all members and officers, as well as individuals who watch/attend/participate/officiate in matches, will:

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket.

Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief.

Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed.

Display high standards of behaviour.

Promote the positive aspects of cricket, for example fair play.

Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, always respecting the decisions of match officials.

Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials.

Recognise good performance not just match results.

Place the well-being and safety of children above the development of performance.

Ensure activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.

Respect children's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket.

Not smoke, drink or use banned substances while working with children in the club.

Not provide children with alcohol when they are under the care of the club.

Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued.

Report any concerns in relation to a child, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB.

In addition, all club officials and appointed volunteers will:

Have been appropriately vetted, if required.

Hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance.

Always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private, or unobserved, situations and encourage an open environment) NB This includes the online world – club officers and volunteers are actively discouraged from online or other electronic communication with children – any such communication should be via parents.

Know and understand the ECB's "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children".

Develop an appropriate working relationship with young players, based on mutual trust and respect.

Ensure physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines with the young player's full consent and approval.

Not engage in any form of sexually related contact with a young player.

Attend appropriate training to keep up to date with their role, especially with respect to the safeguarding of children.

## **Privacy Policy Statement**

Incogniti Cricket Club (the Club) is a nomadic cricket club and golfing society. We primarily operate within the UK and are bound by the principles of privacy contained in the Data Protection Act 1998, and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) EU Laws.

The Club holds personal information on existing members, freely supplied by them when they applied to join the Club. The data which is stored is used to support the primary purpose of the Club which is to arrange, organize and deliver cricket or golf events, including the club's Annual General Meeting. This personal information may include the following:

- Full Name, Contact details such as email address, postal address and telephone numbers.
- Gender
- Date of Birth (only where necessary for our welfare obligations)
- Cricketing or Golfing ability (such as performance statistics)

This personal information is recorded and kept for all members on our Membership database, which is currently provided and hosted by Hitssports Ltd on secure servers within the European Union. The database is administered by authorised club members. Members' names and performance statistics are published on the website and visible to non-members, however all other personal information such as contact details are only accessible by other subscribed members of the club, via the club's annual Scores and Averages booklet, or via a login and password to the Club's website.

In order for the Club to operate effectively, the personal information of its Officers, Executive Committee members and key postholders including match managers, umpires and scorers is made available to the membership and third parties via the Club website and the Club's Annual Fixture List.

In certain cases Members' personal information may be supplied to third-parties where it is essential in order to fulfil the Club's primary function as a nomadic cricket club – for example where the names and details of players are required to be supplied to oppositions for security reasons.

The Club protects the personal information it holds from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification or disclosure by various means including password access and secure servers.

The Club endeavours to ensure that the personal information it holds is accurate, complete and up-to-date.

Members can access and update their own personal data via logging in to the Club's website, or by application to or contact with the Membership Secretary.

Incogniti CC will presume that any individual who is a fully subscribed member is willing for his or her personal information to be kept on the Club database, and shared internally or externally via the club's website, fixture list and annual scores and averages booklet, unless the Club hears from them to the contrary.

Members may 'opt out' from this presumed consent by contacting the Honorary Secretary and requesting that their personal information not be published in the aforementioned media, or indeed deleted entirely.

Should any Club member have any enquiries or wish to provide feedback about this policy, please contact the club's Honorary Secretary.