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FROM THE PRESIDENT
2022 SEASON
(161st Season)

It has been a very busy and memorable summer for Incogniti CC members and players. We started with a tribute lunch to Geoff Bond organised by Nick Gibbs and Keith Garrard. Even Storm Eunice could not put us off our stride. We then stepped into the season with a loss at Tiffin School but momentum gained and we beat both Oxford and Cambridge University in successive weekends with the Hampshire Hogs and Guards also losing to us to make May a month to remember.

We kept up the unbeaten run until June when we faltered against Oratory School. The middle part of the season saw honours even against some good sides including the Cross Arrows and I Zingari and we were delighted to be back at Berkhamsted Cricket Club in early August thanks to the magnificent work of Tim Sims in organising 2 days of great cricket on good cricket wickets.

The two tours were a great success thanks to the work of Jon Andrews on the Mid West and the support I got from players for the Western Tour. On both tours you will see the product of the Oliver Battcock Fund unfolding on the field of play. No fewer than five hundreds scored by Incogniti batsmen with four by young cricketers under 20 years of age.

We also celebrated the retirement of Nick Gibbs as President with a lunch on 10 August v Cross Arrows. More said of this later in the booklet. Our finale was the latter part of the season with a game against Western Province who were on tour and many happy memories were shared with our tourist friends who we have played on the Incogniti tours to Cape Town. At the end of the season our tour party set off for Dubai as our first ever tour to the United Arab Emirates and what a tour it proved to be. Top grounds, a high standard of cricket, superb organisation and 3 wins out of 6 games played.

I was pleased to play a number of games and be present at others. I can report the Club has a strong nucleus of young players coming through and one common thread is that they all appear to be enjoying playing for Incogniti on and off the field. More young players are to be encouraged and I hope we will also soon have some young women representing the Club with women's cricket getting stronger every year through investment and participation in leagues and elite cricket.

I would like to thank Tim Sims for his considerable efforts as Honorary Secretary, Peter Wiseman for the Scores and Averages Booklet and his secretarial duties on the Minutes, Ben Wakeford organising fixtures, Imran Valibhoy for ensuring the Accounts are kept in good order and Tom Wakeford for his administration with the membership. In addition to this we welcomed Dave Boothroyd onto the Committee and Naveed Saeed who did so much for the Club this season organising and introducing players into various teams.

Tim and I have both contributed to this year's booklet with a number of photos and match reports along with those from other match managers. We believe this is vital to record not only the statistics for players which go onto the website but also for players to reflect on their time with the Club.

A final thank you to all our umpires and scorers who I have got to see again over the season. We are indebted to you for your contributions. I am also pleased to report Sally Keith umpired our fixture v the Guards and I hope she is keen to umpire a few more games next season. I look forward to seeing all the umpires and scorers along with members next season.

Antony Wood
President.

Honorary Secretary's Report 2022

As you can imagine, organising and helping to co-ordinate the running of a wandering cricket club is not without some challenges, especially in today's environment of weekend league cricket, organised mid-week and Sunday T20 cricket competitions, and ever-increasing pressure on personal finances and time. When a club, however, has the support and enthusiasm of very capable Committee Members, active participation of pro-active match and tour managers, players that enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of their playing colleagues who enjoy playing friendly yet competitive cricket, the support of a past playing alumni, and a pool of umpires and scorers which complement the team, then the task has its rewards. We are most fortunate that Incogniti CC has an abundance of these of people.

Thanks largely to our Fixture Secretary, Ben Wakeford, with the support of other Committee Members, the 2022 fixture card enabled us to play at some wonderful, scenic and iconic cricket grounds, most notably the Cambridge University ground at Fenner's, the Hampshire Hogs ground at Warnford, the RAF ground at Uxbridge, the Army ground at Tidworth and the Guards ground at Burton Court in Chelsea. We were able to challenge ourselves against other strong wandering clubs where our best players were tested - Cryptics, Free Foresters, I Zingari and Cross Arrows all fit into this category. And once again school opposition provided extremely tough and talented opponents - we really do need to be at our best for these games in 2023!

Jon Andrews and Tony Wood (our new President) delivered most enjoyable tours to Wiltshire and Devon respectively, and Nav Saeed must be congratulated for organising a remarkably successful tour to the United Arab Emirates which was enjoyed by players, umpires and a supporting cast of parents, grandparents, wives and children - brilliant!

It was disappointing that a number of our opponents were unable to raise sides to fulfil fixtures against us - the Royal Navy being perhaps the most significant, and it is with regret that we have been unable to secure fixtures for 2023 against Cambridge and Oxford University sides (we won both fixtures last year by some margin). It is encouraging, however, that we have been approached by a number of potential new opponents and we have included a new T20 fixture against the Hurlingham Club at their iconic ground for next season.

The 2022 season was perhaps most pleasing for the fact that we were able to welcome a number of talented young new members to the club who performed well on the field of play, supported tours and who fitted in seamlessly with the ethos of our Club. On paper at least we could now field an extremely strong U25 side! For this I must thank all those that contributed to the Oliver Battcock Fund which has allowed us to support young talent with some of their playing expenses, as well as all those playing members that have made the new talent feel welcomed into the Club - long may this continue.

As last year, I would urge playing members to take advantage of the opportunity to play good cricket at some wonderful grounds and to help Match Managers by making their availability known as early as possible. I would also encourage them to continue to actively bring new talent into the Club. I must also recognise the excellent work put in by your Committee Members which helps keep the club functioning and thank Tony Wood in his first year of Presidency for providing the Committee with excellent stewardship and support - he also played a lot of cricket!

Onwards then to the 2023 season. We have another attractive fixture list against strong opposition and will round off the season with a mini tour to Bucharest, Romania - another country to add to the growing list of countries visited by Incogniti - it should be fun!

Tim Sims
Honorary Secretary
Incogniti Cricket Club

An abridged history of the Incogniti Cricket Club

On the 15th 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 25th 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.



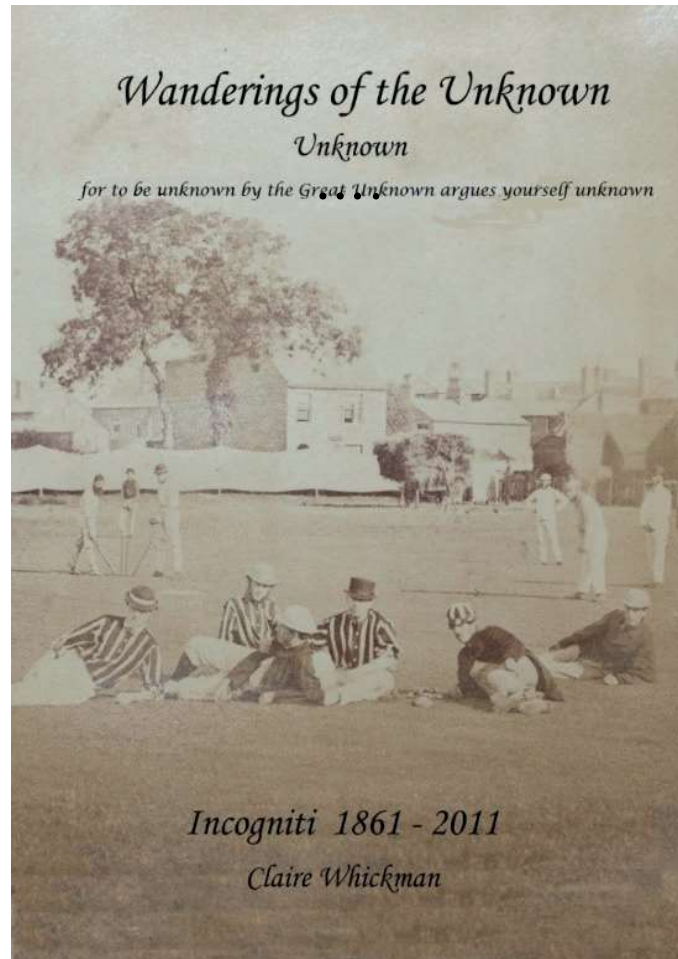
Bass was a prodigious wicket taker in the first 20 years

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 25th 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

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED

Won (16)

Oxford University Authentics
Cambridge University Crusaders
Hampshire Hogs
Guards
Tiffin Tercels
Adastrians
H.A.C.
Wiltshire Queries
Kew
Uplyme & Lyme Regis
Honiton
Exmouth
Tipton St. John
Bedi Cricket Academy
Bedi Cricket Academy
Darjeeling CC

Lost (12)

Tiffin School
Oratory School
Cryptics
Philanderers
Trowbridge
Cross Arrows
Free Foresters
Western Province
Chiswick
Mercedes Enterprise
Sharjah Legends
Abu Dhabi Gents

Drawn (5)

John Lyon School
Maidenhead & Bray
Malmesbury (A)
I Zingari
Ottery St. Mary

No Play (5)

Total Matches Played 2022

33

Matches Played 1861 - 2022

Total 8030 Won 2936 Lost 2396 Drawn 2661 Tied 19

Notes.

1. Candidates are shown with a star (*) before their names.
2. Guests are shown with a hash (#) before their names.

THE GEOFF BOND MEMORIAL LUNCH

A tribute lunch was arranged in honour of Geoff Bond and all who had been carded made plans to assemble in the Datchet CC Pavilion on Friday 18th February.

So much for "the best laid plans", as Storm Eunice intervened and disrupted a number of travel plans. Notwithstanding, play started on time with generous quantities of Geoff's favourite mood-setting Champagne opening the scene for what was to turn into a magical lunch.

With the exception of our elegant President, guests were Incogs "of a certain age", several wearing Club blazers that to their credit still fitted incredibly well, and the scene was set for a host of stories that captured Geoff's enviable character and love of the Incogs

Ian Reekie proposed a toast to which Julie responded.

Keith Garrard



LUNCH TO THANK NICK GIBBS – FORMER PLAYER, HONORARY SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT OF INCOGNITI CC

By A.G.Wood



Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the new incoming President of Incogniti I would like to welcome Cross Arrows as Incogniti CC's guests today. Cross Arrows CC is a distinguished team Incogniti have been playing for many years and whose cricketing heritage goes back to 1880 founded by Members of the MCC Staff and has continued to be represented by many non-professional and ex-professional cricketers. Cross Arrows for many years have played Incogniti CC every other year usually in September and Incogniti always strived to put out the strongest side we could. It was a game where you would get invited by Incogniti to play such was the significance of the fixture playing on the Nursery Ground at Lord's.

Incogniti CC's players and members are gathered here today to offer our immense thanks and tribute to our former President Nick Gibbs who retired in 2021.

Nick was elected to the Club in 1965 and continued to serve the Club until 2021 when he decided to step down as President. A period of 56 years dedication to Incogniti as player, Honorary Secretary and President with 30 of those years spent in the latter two positions. When you consider Nick stopped playing cricket for Incogniti in 1994 (having scored 116 NO v Devon Dumplings on the Western Tour) after 29 years cricket with the club, it is a tribute to him that he continued to not only support the Club but to develop it for the next 27 years from the boundary and committee rooms and still continues to do so until this day watching games. For those of you who know Nick you will remember the wonderful letters he wrote in the aquamarine ink on headed Incogniti paper. No detail was left unsaid. The "light lunches" and familiar terms of "maestro" or "Can I interest you in a little something before lunch?" were familiar themes. For those Incogs who have toured Australia with Nick you will recount no doubt many happy memories of Nick's speeches to the assembled gatherings after the games especially our Western Australian Incogniti colleagues where in his convivial tone he would finish with "If you have enjoyed it half as much as I have then I have enjoyed it twice as much as you".

Speeches are not for everybody but Nick has a gift to make people feel valued and remembered across the cricketing globe. My thanks to Clare Whickman for some anecdotal evidence on Nick.

On the first day in Jersey, I was vaguely aware of the "master class" on scoring that Nick Gibbs (the then Hon. Sec.) was conducting for the edification of the Jersey scorer. The following day, I somehow ended up being the pupil of Nick's pupil. Nick, now confident his job was done perambulated around the boundary with a "gentleman's measure" of gin!

Minutes of a meeting in October 1888 records the acceptance by the Club to take two flags to a ground. Fast forward to the Tour to Goa in 2001 when the flag had been left flying on a beach-hut overnight and had blown away – well, that was the story. Hon. Sec. Nick Gibbs had the “Tropical Flag” made up in a couple of hours at what might have been expected to have been considerably below the price of bunting, unfortunately he could not remember the colour pattern of the flag in the rush, and nor could anyone else with him. Nick as a former tailor and owner of Club Colours came up with the smart idea of club sweaters, to be sold at a substantial discount to Incogniti but at the same time providing the club with a small profit, and this met with an encouraging response.

John Trumper, in his annual report wrote as President: “It is difficult to express our gratitude to Nick for all he has done for the Club during his fifteen years at the helm his enthusiasm has never waned, his many contributions and input have been utterly indomitable, and his endless good humour remains quite infectious”. When Nick took on the office of President following John Trumper’s retirement, his annual report made a clarion call to members of all ages for the urgency of introducing new members to the pleasures of Incog cricket. “It is not rocket science to see that a wandering club must fall by the wayside if it does not take the introduction of new members seriously. Please do not let us pay lip service to this endeavour, but actually do something about it personally – it is almost too late now. This, from the naturally ebullient Nick Gibbs, has to be taken seriously”. It is important that those who know Nick well are able to recount a story or two of their experiences with Nick and I have asked some of those who knew Nick well and who are unable to make it today to provide a few words of thanks.

Geoff Churack (Former President of Incogniti of Western Australia)

I would like to further acknowledge Nick’s fantastic contribution to cricket and would be delighted if you would pass on the following message at the upcoming special luncheon for him. On behalf of all your great friends here in Western Australia, thank you for all the years of pleasure you have given to us, in particular, the three tours to WA including the 150 Year History Tour and books on the history of both Incogniti of England and WA. Nick, you have been an inspiration to cricketers all over the world and, most especially, have shown young people how to grow as cricketers and gentlemen. Moira sends her best wishes to everyone.

Keith Garrard

It occurs to me that the Incog match against The Cross Arrows on the Nursery Ground in September was always the highlight of our season, when a selected Incogniti side of near Minor County strength would do battle with the Lord’s Nippers (ground staff boys hoping to get County contracts) and former county and test players. Being the fine all-round player he was, Nick was always a shoe in for selection. Nick was a match managers dream as a top order batsman and opening bowler he ensured the strength of any side and made it possible for lesser mortals to enjoy their cricket at a higher standard than perhaps they would normally play. But Nick was the best of peripatetic Incogs. He would willingly, on the days before motorways, leave his home in the environs of Maidenhead to drive to deepest Kent on a Sunday morning, probably with a hangover, for an 11.30 start. Lunch, extended from the traditional 40 minutes was a highlight of the day, and Nick always believed he was yards quicker after lunch, when bowling with a few glasses of vintage port inside him. There was one rain affected match when with a glass of said port in his wobbly hand, Nick took it upon himself, in company with the umpires, to inspect the wicket.....only to spill his glass on a length.....to the Umpire's chagrin. A fine cricketer and the best of friends.

Christopher Walker

It is a great disappointment to be unable to be present on 10th August to acknowledge the major contributions Nick has made to the Incogs both as a player and, of course, his time as President. I hope under the circumstances you and Nick will forgive me. Firstly, I will endorse what Keith has already said in that he was a fine cricketer and could be included in the team as either a batsman or opening bowler, or more probably as an all-rounder. As a relatively young Incog in the early 60s, I remember him as not only a bowler who was quick by club standards, but also accurate, providing very few, if any, loose deliveries. He was also a more than competent top order batsman. When we first met and were both probably candidates, I remember him wearing his Middlesex Young Amateurs’ sweater. I think one of the most endearing things about Nick is his obvious enjoyment of the game whether we were successful or not and indeed how much he enjoyed socializing during lunch & after the game.

It has been a pleasure to know Nick over the years and I do hope that the Lunch in his honour is a great success and lives up to expectations. Please give him my very best wishes on the day.

Colin Schadhorst. President Datchet CC.

As a very close friend of Nick over many years after he joined Datchet CC as a very good player I am really sorry I will miss his well-earned celebratory lunch as we will be in France. He joined us from Uxbridge CC and played against them for us for a couple of years sadly without his normal elegant scoring, if I remember correctly, 0 and 0! However, on the third occasion he was back to normal and scored a 100! A modest man and a seriously good cricketer as you all know. A bon viveur who enjoys the odd half of shandy (!) he also served as Chairman of DCC for a number of years when the Club was not in the best of health and helped bring it round to a very healthy state today. He deserves all the plaudits on offer and we at Datchet wish him all the very best for a special day.

Chris Clayton

He passes on his best wishes but is unable to be present due to ill health. I have known Nick for nearly 60 years and wish him all the best for his celebratory lunch.

Tony Bartlett

I joined the Incogs following some very good matches between Pembroke College and Incogs on their Cambridge tours 1962/63/64. There were some very boozy nights in the Blue Boar and in one of the above years Jimmy Grey produced some forms rather late in the evening and I signed up. After Cambridge I played one or two matches for the Incogs on these tours and then from 1966 to 1970 I went on the Malta tour. I got married in 1971 and after that, although I ran 2 or 3 matches, I did not play much more. The point of all this is that I did not play with Nick in between 1962 and 1970. In fact I don't think I played very much cricket with Nick at all. However, I knew him to be a very fine cricketer and an excellent purveyor of cricket kit and clothing. It seems to me that his period as President has been highly successful at a time when wandering cricket generally was in some decline across the board. I am very sorry that I cannot attend on 10th August and I am sure there will be lots of tributes from Incogs more familiar with his cricket skills than me.

Presentation of gifts to Madeline and Nick followed the speech.



One table consisting of guests from top to bottom (left to right).

Gordon Wickman
Peter Wiseman
Claire Wickman
Martin Keen
Tim Sims (Honorary Secretary)
Adrian Beecroft
Tracey Gibbs
Kate Sims
James Gibbs
Tim Sims (Senior)

A.G.Wood

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 2022 as follows:

£120 – subscriptions.

£100 – club kit.

£270 – match fees.

£47 – sundries.

The balance remaining stands at £3,846.

OLIVER GORDON BATTCKOCK 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 60th 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 TIFFIN SCHOOL



Incogs' first game of the season proved to be a fantastic day out and a really good game of cricket, with the batsmen coming out on top. The weather was overcast and most of the second innings saw Incogs' bowling in persistent light rain, with a very wet ball. We were certainly well fed throughout the day being provided with a substantial lunch before the game started and a lovely tea at the interval.

Incogs won the toss and elected to bat and in spite of some good fast bowling, particularly by Tiffin's Northamptonshire Academy member A Cormack (14-3-40-3) Incogs were able to declare on 232 for 4 off 44 overs. Alvin Sathy batted really well for 61 and Nav Malik played some masterful strokes for a solid 40. Tiffin School chased the runs down in 35.4 overs with 3 balls to go before the close of play, The Tiffin skipper, R Rafiq, scored a wonderfully constructed 110 not out and he was well supported by D Vasiereddy (64). All the Incog bowlers persevered with a very damp ball, Nav Saeed skippered really well and kept the game alive to the end, Nick Wood wicket kept with athleticism and bravery, and Phil Arnould made a most welcome return to the field after a few years away from the game.

Tim Sims

Played at Grist's on 4th May 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		TIFFIN SCHOOL	
#A.Ali b Cormack	36	R.Rafiq Not Out	110
N.Wood c Farhan b Shivan	8	S.Farhan c Arnould b A.Khan	13
N.Malik b Cormack.....	40	D.Vasireddy c Chintakunta b Ali.....	64
A.Sathya c Solo b Cormack	61	A.Cormack b Sathya	2
I.Khan Not Out	30	H.Ashwin Not Out.....	18
#C.Chintakunta Not Out	29	H.Solo DNB	
A.Khan DNB		S.Ninad DNB	
P.S.Arnould DNB		T.Shivan DNB.....	
#A.Saquib DNB		M.Max DNB	
T.M.Sims DNB		T.Dylan DNB	
N.Saeed DNB.....		
Extras.....	28	Extras	27
Total (for 4 wkts.).....	232	Total (for 3 wkts)	234

Bowling :A.Khan 7-0-30-1; Arnould 7-1-39-0; I.Khan 6-0-52-0; #Chintakunta 5-0-40-0; Sathya 3-0-18-1.

RESULT : LOST BY 7 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C.C. v OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS C.C.



Alvin Sathya for Incogniti CC playing a glorious on drive.



Combined Oxford University and Incogniti CC team photo at Marston Sports and Social Club



Incogniti batsmen Alvin Sathya 25 Not Out (left) and Harry Rogers 24 Not Out (Right)

Played at Marston Sports & Social Club, Oxford on 8th May 2022.

We arrived early to find the gate locked and the Students wonderfully oblivious to the need of the motorcar to get to our fixture as they walked from their accommodation across the Parks. Fortunately Louis Odgers the Oxford University captain was fully of apologies and initiative and went and got the code from the University groundsman.

We were playing the University 3rd XI. Louis explained to me they were all new to the University and looking to be recognised within the University as a playing XI. They did very well on their first outing of the season following exams without any practice.

Incogniti won the toss and playing a 35 over game inserted the University into bat on a greenish wicket. Oliver Wood made an early break through with Ali caught by Sunny Bowry at slip for 0. This then followed with Cobb bowled by Ollie Wood at the base of the stumps. The University were struggling early on. Tight early bowling from Alvin Sathya and Ollie Wood contained the University who were three down when Munns was caught by Alex Smith behind for 17.

Enter the Incogniti second wave of medium fast bowling with Imran Khan and Charan Chintakunta. Both bowled a beautiful line without success but importantly 13 overs had been bowled for 29 runs. It was then the turn of the Incogniti spinners with Nav Malik and Naveed Saeed. Nav Malik worked hard to find his length against the big hitting of Nicholls and Odger but he continued to tease the batsmen into thinking the ball was there to hit. He dropped into a wonderful line and length and took the wicket of Nicholl's bowled, Odgers caught by Tony Wood at mid off and then the middle order collapsed for not many runs.

Harry Rogers as a candidate in his second year took an outstanding diving catch to dismiss Kay off Malik and then followed it up again as if to emphasise the point he could catch with another diving grab. A further catch by Ollie Wood helped Nav Malik to a very well-deserved 6 wickets for only 13 runs off only 5 overs. Surely it would be one of the best returns for an Incogniti bowler this summer.

Naveed Saeed also bowled well in tandem with Nav Malik taking the wicket of Kapoor caught by Tony Wood. The University were all out for 97 with perhaps their best batsman Bhogadi coming in at 11. Perhaps the batting order was unknown to them.

Incogniti lost the early wicket of guest Chowdrey who pulled a short ball to square leg for an early exit. Kay bowled well but Sunny Bowry steadied the ship with a well-crafted 29 before being adjudged LBW. Alex Smith played a nice innings for not many but looked in control before again being given out LBW.

It was left to Harry Rogers and Alvin Sathya to see the Club through to a well deserved 7 wicket win. Both players are young and supported by the Oliver Battcock Fund displayed their calm presence of mind to ensure a first win of the season for Incogniti.

A.G.Wood

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS

S.Ali c Bowry b O.Wood.....	0
T.Munns c Smith b O.Wood	17
J.Cobb b O.Wood.....	1
T.Nicholls b Malik.....	43
L.Odgers c A.G.Wood b Malik.....	17
T.Ansell b Malik.....	0
H.Kay c Rogers b Malik.....	2
I.Habib c O.Wood b Malik.....	2
I.Kapoor c A.G.Wood b Saeed	2
R.Garrett c Rogers b Malik	0
S.Bhogadi Not Out.....	2
Extras.....	11
Total	97

INCOGNITI C.C.

#B.Chowdrey c Ali b Kay	0
S.Bowry lbw b Munns.....	29
A.Smith lbw b Habib.....	10
*H.Rogers Not Out	24
A.Sathya Not Out.....	25
#C.Chintakunta DNB	
O.Wood DNB.....	
N.Malik DNB.....	
N.Saeed DNB.....	
I.Khan DNB	
A.G.Wood DNB.....	
Extras	12
Total (for 3 wkts.).....	100

Bowling :Sathya 5-0-19-0; O.Wood 5-1-12-3; Khan 7-1-17-0; #Chintakunta 6-1-17-0; Malik 5-2-13-6; Saeed 3.4-0-8-1; #Chowdrey 1-1-0-0.

RESULT : WON BY 7 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C.C. v GEMINI C.C.

15th May 2022. Match cancelled.

INCOGNITI C.C. v MILL HILL SCHOOL

18th May 2022. Match cancelled.

INCOGNITI C.C. v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CRUSADERS C.C.



Oliver Wood “side on” bowling from the “Hughes Hall Accommodation end”.



Imran Khan bowling from the Hughes Hall end.



Rav Sehmi watching carefully on his way to a well taken 47 Not Out.



Oliver Wood receiving a clap from the Incogniti players for his 5-wicket haul.

An historic occasion for Incogniti CC to be playing at Fenners Cricket Ground. Delighted to be invited with Christopher Dean our umpire and a well-known umpire also for the University we were blessed with a day of glorious sunshine, a hard pitch and 12 Incogniti players. I became 12th man and bowled and fielded. We were led ably by our skipper Nav Saeed.

The University won the toss and elected to bat first. Little did they know the quality of bowling fire power in the Incogniti medium-quick pace bowling. Looking to exploit the bounce Oliver Wood started with a wicket in his first over. A quick delivery which left Wishey wondering what he had just witnessed as he was bowled for 0. Enter Alvin Sathya who also bowled with pace and determination. He then trapped SA Turner leg before for 0. The turning point was the next three batsmen. A combination of sharp catches from Imran Khan, Kaps and Seb Eyre from the hostile bowling of Oliver Wood including a couple of short pitched balls made a large dent in the University batting.

Imran Khan continued the medium pace bowling with accuracy taking the wickets of Qadri, Seal and Hawkins for 29 runs in a spell of controlled bowling. Charan Chintakunta backed upon Imran and took a well-deserved wicket for 25 runs off 6 overs.

Oliver Wood ran out with 5 wickets for 36 runs off 10 overs and Incogniti were looking at 125 runs to win. Hussnan Nadir who has played a lot of club cricket in the Kent League with Blackheath looked in control opening the batting. He calmly played the ball around in an early stand with Ali Pervaiz who looked equally at ease until he missed a good ball from Hughes. “Huss” went on to score a very good 30.

With plenty of batting still to come Rav Sehmi and Seb Eyre seized the moment. Rav especially played his usual trademark off drives over cover and mid-off with power and conviction. Seb leapt on anything loose and in his accustomed style was brutal. Rav Sehmi saw us home for an 8 wicket win and completed a very well executed 47 runs.

A.G.Wood

Played at Fenners on 22nd May 2022:-

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY..		INCOGNITI C.C.	
W.Wisbey b O.Wood	0	H.Nadir c Milton-Seall b Hawkins	30
S.A.Turner lbw b Sathya	0	A.Pervaiz b Hughes.....	3
N.Rasakulasurier c Khan b O.Wood	15	R.Sehmi Not Out	47
A.Ibrahim Jiva c Balasub'm b O.Wood	13	S.Eyre Not Out	13
D.Warnes c Eyre b O.Wood.....	14	S.Bowry DNB	
I.Webber c Saeed b Chintakunta	0	#C.Chintakunta DNB	
E.Pretzlik c Balasub'm b O.Wood....	1	A.Sathya DNB	
M.Y.Qadri c Nadir b Khan.....	9	O.Wood DNB	
E.Milton-Seall c Eyre b Khan	26	I.Khan DNB	
J.Hawkins st Balasub'm b Khan.....	13	K.Balasubramaniam DNB	
T.Brine Not Out	22	N.Saeed * DNB.....	
Extras.....	11	Extras	36
Total	124	Total (for 2 wickets).....	129

Bowling: O.Wood 10-2-36-5; Sathya 6-2-16-1; #Chintakunta 6-2-25-1; Khan 5.3-0-29-3
A.G.Wood 3-0-17-0.

RESULT : WON BY 8 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C.C. v HAMPSHIRE HOGS C.C.



Played at Warnford on 29th May 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		HAMPSHIRE HOGS C.C.	
#A.Ajgaonkar Not Out.....	151	H.Robson c Saeed b O.Wood	14
#J.Eyre c Brereton b Sharma.....	0	O.Brookes c Pearce b Boothroyd.....	11
S.Eyre b Sharma.....	0	K.Sharma c Arnould b Boothroyd	95
P.Pearce c Love b Dorran.....	28	M.Love lbw b Arnould	36
B.Wakeford b Del Mar.....	27	L.Dorran b Boothroyd	55
P.S.Arnould b Del Mar.....	2	L.Simpson c Boothroyd b O.Wood	6
O.Wood Not Out	51	M.Del Mar c & b Boothroyd	13
N.Malik DNB.....		R.Brereton b O.Wood	0
D.Boothroyd DNB		J.MacFadyan lbw bBoothroyd.....	0
S.Bowry DNB.....		K.Sharma lbw b Boothroyd.....	8
N.Saeed DNB.....		M.Dakin-Poole Not Out	0
T.M.Sims DNB			
Extras.....	19	Extras	6
Total (for 5 wkts.).....	278	Total	246

Bowling: Boothroyd 14.4-2-55-5; O.Wood 15-2-81-3; Malik 10-0-54-0; Bowry 1-0-5-0; S.Eyre 3-0-10-0; Arnould 6-0-35-1.

RESULT : WON BY 32 RUNS

INCOGNITI C.C. v GUARDS C.C.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations were in their second day, and our opponents had all been on Horseguards' Parade duty the day before. Incogs had miraculously been able to put out a reasonable side on a Saturday and we were all in for a wonderful day's cricket at The Guards' iconic ground at Burton Court just opposite the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

We were welcomed with great enthusiasm by The Guards - coffee, tea and conversation flowed before the toss was won by Incogniti, who elected to bat. Despite the early demise of Tom Mason, Nadir (60) and Malik (44) pressed on and at lunch Incogs found themselves on 109 for 4. The lunch interval incorporated wonderful and plentiful fare, the completion of two bottles of port, and culminated in a gracious and well delivered thank you speech by Tony Wood and a toast to the Queen.

After lunch wickets tumbled with Incogs losing four wickets for four runs!! At 161 for 8 things were looking precarious but thanks to an eighth wicket stand by Ben Wakeford (35) and Illy Kronic (14), Incogs were able to declare on 215 after 53 overs. Brooke was the pick of The Guards bowlers finishing with 4-49 off a very tidy 13 overs.

Ben Wakeford and Illy Kronic opened the bowling sharing eight overs and three wickets between them. Sunny Bowry then broke the back of the Guards middle order with a fine spell of off-spin bowling (4-20) and this was interspersed by two remarkable runouts - both direct hits from Nav Malik and Ben Wakeford!! The Guards were eventually all out for 85 in just over 20 overs. A really good Incogniti win.

Tim Sims



Played at Burton Court on 4th June 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		GUARDS C.C.	
H.Nadir c Smith b Bradshaw.....	60	H.Pilcher c Sims b Wakeford	13
T.R.G.Mason c Trant b Bradshaw....	4	H.Smith c Sims b Kronic.....	9
N.Malik lbw b Brooke.....	44	H.Brewer b Kronic	4
S.Bowry b Brooke.....	0	C.Bushall c Malik b Bowry	18
A.G.Wood c Trant b Odlum.....	12	J.O'Riordan b Bowry	2
A.Pervaiz c Bradshaw b Brooke.....	23	B.Trant Run Out.....	0
I.Valibhoy b Trant	0	F.Mills c Pervaiz b Bowry.....	30
#A.Mumtaz lbw b Brooke.....	0	H.Mason b Bowry	0
B.Wakeford Not Out	35	L.Odlum Run Out.....	5
I.Kronic Not Out	14	F.Bradshaw Not Out.....	0
T.M.Sims DNB		H.Brooke lbw b Wood.....	0
Extras.....	19	Extras	4
Total (for 8 wkts.).....	215	Total	85

Bowling: Wakeford 4-1-16-1; Kronic 4-0-11-2; Bowry 7-1-20-4; Mason 3-0-23-0; Wood 3.1-0-13-1.

RESULT: WON BY 130 RUNS

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

A muggy day, a used wicket, and an incredibly slow outfield saw unusually favourable bowling conditions at the HAC Grounds. Luckily, Incogs won the toss, and elected to bowl in a limited overs (40) match. Surprisingly, the conditions didn't allow for huge movement in the air, but the pitch responded to provide significant seam movement.

HAC lost two wickets very early on, and struggled to score early on, being 15-2 off the first 10 overs. Unfortunately, Ollie Wood pulled up with an injury after four overs, but Seb Eyre in particular exploited conditions perfectly to bowl his allocation of 8 overs in a single spell, picking up 2-14 with 4 maidens thrown in for good measure. At 80-7 from 29 overs, Incogs wondered if they would be chasing anything over 100, however a spirited and very effective counter punch from HAC meant they set a more-than-expected 161-8 from their 40 overs.

A tricky chase on a heavily used wicket started out exactly to plan, with Antony Wood and Rav Sehmi getting Incogs to 40-0 from the first 10, however two quick wickets ensured an unpredictable chase. Despite losing wickets in clusters, Perry Pearce and debutant Jack Whiteside steadied the ship, with the latter scoring 33. At 133-6, Incogs seemed to have things in control, however with the ball turning square, and the outfield halving the value for shots, nothing was easy on this pitch! A flurry of wickets took Incogs to 157-9, however Incogs eventually saw it home to win by one wicket in a tense finish. A satisfying result, after losing a very close fixture last year!

David Boothroyd



Played at Armoury House on 5th June 2022:-

H.A.C. C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
J.Ritzema c Cahir b Boothroyd	0	A.G.Wood b Santimon	18
R.Ewing b S.Eyre.....	17	R.Sehmi lbw b Borton.....	28
D.Sherlock c Birtles b Boothroyd	2	B.Birtles b Santimon	4
L.Casey Run Out.....	16	S.Eyre lbw b Santimon	11
P.Borton b S.Eyre.....	12	#J.Eyre b Santimon	2
R.Carter c Pearce b Cowie	17	P.Pearce b Stewart.....	12
L.Bax Not Out.....	45	#J.Whiteside c Casey b Stewart.....	33
N.Stewart c Cowie b Whiteside.....	0	O.Wood b Carter	22
A.Santimon b Birtles	40	#J.Cahir Run Out.....	8
M.Jain Not Out.....	1	#L.Cowie Not Out.....	0
M.Narinesingh DNB		D.Boothroyd Not Out.....	5
Extras.....	11	Extras	19
Total (for 8 wkts.).....	161	Total (for 9 wkts.)	162

Bowling: Boothroyd 8-1-30-2; O.Wood 4-2-8-0; #Cahir 6-2-20-0; S.Eyre 8-4-14-2; #Cowie 7-0-32-1; #Whiteside 3-0-22-1; Birtles 4-0-26-1.

RESULT : WON BY 1 WICKET

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

Incogniti had a good win against a very capable Tiffin Tercel XI. Incogs won the toss and elected to bat on a good looking pitch. Tercels opened the bowling with a good pace attack from both ends but the Incognit batting looked in good form, Nav Malik opened the batting and was the pick of the batsmen making a stylish and attacking 78 but Bevan West (17-year old candidate making his debut) 21, S Eyre 25 and I Valibhoy 23 all made contributions. Ollie Wood came in at no.'8 and struck a powerful 53 with some huge and stylish hitting enabling Incogs to declare on 267 for seven off 42 overs.

Tercels batting never really got going, thanks mainly due to some fabulous left arm spin from Tony Wood (3-11 off 10 overs) and two fantastic run outs. Tercels were eventually all out for 141 with just over 8 overs of the day remaining.

As always, Tercels were most hospitable and gracious hosts. It was also lovely to be able to field another two young candidates: Bevan West (17) who made a good looking 12 batting at number three and producing a fast spell of bowling resulting in 8-2-24, and Jarvis Eyre (16) who made 11 with the bat and kept really well.

Tim Sims



Played at Grist's on 12th June 2022

INCOGNITI C.C.		TIFFIN TERCELS C.C.	
N.Malik c Pereira b Sachdeva.....	78	N.Churchman b A.G.Wood.....	13
#C.Chintakunta c Pereira b Jolly.....	12	S.Pereira c S.Eyre b A.G.Wood.....	9
#B.West c Thomas b Bhatti.....	21	S.Krishnan lbw b A.G.Wood.....	0
S.Eyre c Churchman b Bhatti.....	25	S.Singh Run Out.....	0
#J.Eyre c Jackson b Thomas.....	11	J.Thomas c Saeed b Khan.....	12
I.Valibhoy c Pereira b Jolly.....	23	K.Sackedeva c O.Wood b Khan.....	31
I.Khan c Bhatti b Thomas.....	12	B.Bhatti c O.Wood b West.....	19
O.Wood Not Out.....	53	Y.Jackson c Saeed b West.....	15
T.M.Sims Not Out.....	4	U.Jolly Not Out.....	6
A.G.Wood DNB.....		S.Selon Run Out.....	0
N.Saeed DNB.....		K.Balasubramaniam b Chintakunta.....	10
Extras.....	28	Extras.....	27
Total (for 7 wkts.).....	2467	Total.....	141

Bowling : O.Wood 7-1-25-0; A.G.Wood 10-7-11-3; Khan 7-1-32-2; #Chintakunta 4-1-25-1; #West 6-0-24-2; S.Eyre 4-1-11-0.

RESULT : WON BY 126 RUNS

INCOGNITI C. C. v ADASTRIANS C.C.

Another comprehensive win for Incogs yesterday against Adastrians.

Nav Malik was skipper and MM for the day. Weather was fair. Incogs won the toss and decided to bat first on an interesting wicket. Ed Ince making his return from Barbados to the Uk opened the batting with Nav Saeed.

Openers went early. The main stay were Bevan West new young candidate and Seb Eyre who put on over 100 for the 3rd wicket. There was a short flurry of wickets but the lower order chipped in to take the score respectable 246 in 46 overs.

The Adastrians started off positively, with the main runs coming from R Smith and some huge blows from Herath. We eventually bowled out Adastrians for 163. Comfortable victory.

Bowlers shared the wickets Charan bowled well. Overall a good comfortable 83 runs win for Incogniti.

Nav Malik

Played at Vine Lane on 19th June 2022

INCOGNITI C.C.		ADASTRIANS C.C.	
N.Saeed c Spencer b Jackson.....	5	R.Smith b Chiraveddy	29
E.Ince c Scott b Boardman.....	22	J.Copehorn b Chiraveddy	0
#B.West lbw b Herath.....	46	A.Scott b Chiraveddy	0
S.Eyre c Smith b Herath.....	58	A.Herath Run Out.....	63
#J.Eyre b Gurdial.....	2	M.Jackson lbw b Malik	1
#J.Virk b Balamuragan	17	D.Fidler b Virk	9
#J.Ince Run Out	26	R.Spencer lbw b Saeed.....	30
#C.Chiraveddy Retired Out	25	S.Boardman b Saeed.....	0
#R.West Not Out.....	28	Balamuragan Not Out.....	5
#M.Marto Not Out	6	A.Gurdial b S.Eyre	2
N.Malik DNB.....			
Extras.....	11	Extras	21
Total (for 8 wkts.).....	246	Total	163

Bowling : S.Eyre 5-3-40-1; #Chiraveddy 7-0-30-3; Malik 2-0-18-1; #J.Ince 7-0-30-0; #Virk 5-1-13-1; #Marto 2-0-10-0; Saeed 4-3-1-2.

RESULT : WON BY 83 RUNS

INCOGNITI C. C. v JOHN LYON SCHOOL

Due to the train strikes it was a logistical nightmare trying to get everyone to the game on time, including myself who caught up in the extra traffic. Nav Malik did the honours of tossing up and we won. We decided to have a bat, only reason was that half the team we were still stuck in traffic.

It was a difficult track to bat on with no batsmen feeling in on that wicket. We managed to bat 45.5 overs to get 172 with a sensible knock from our candidates Angus and Kiran who got a solid 40. Imi khan and Seb put some impetus in the innings late on.

We never thought 172 would have been enough for a young vibrant school side. With some hostile bowling from the a the young candidate Tom Newell we managed to get some early wickets. I opened with young spinner Tommy Pegler who bowled 16 overs from one end and took 3 wickets. The young John Lyon were a resilient side and managed to hold out for a draw only scoring 111 for 6.

It was a great day; the hospitality was top quality. We were well hosted by Chris Peploe who stayed for a drink and a chat after the game. Great ground and facilities, would love to come back next year.

Played at Sudbury Playing Fields on 21st June 2022

INCOGNITI C.C.		JOHN LYON SCHOOL.	
#A.Hart c Khan b Zulfiqar	20	G.Allen c Patel b Pegler	28
N.Malik c Peploe b Khan	10	S.Vekaria b Newell	4
T.Patel c Khan b Ellis.....	7	K.Jariwala c Pegler b Newell.....	0
T.Pegler c Peploe b Zulfiqar.....	6	R.Shetty c Saeed b Pegler.....	16
#K.Sakhamuri c Allen b Khan	40	Y.Patel Not Out	57
S.Eyre b Zulfiqar	22	S.Daniyal b A.Khan	0
I.Khan lbw b Patel.....	23	R.Chohan c Saeed b Pegler.....	1
#D.Ellis Not Out	14	J.Ellis Not Out.....	5
*T.Newell b Patel.....	8	M.Zulfiqar DNB.....	
N.Saeed lbw b Khan.....	0	Khan DNB.....	
A.Khan b Khan	2	C.Peploe DNB	
Extras.....	19	Extras	16
Total	171	Total (for 6 wkts.)	126

Bowling : *Newell 9-3-32-2; Pegler 16-6-30-3; A.Khan 7-2-23-1; I.Khan 4-2-4-0; Malik 4-1-28-0.

RESULT : MATCH DRAWN

INCOGNITI C.C v ROYAL NAVY C.C.

23rd-24th June 2022. Match cancelled.

INCOGNITI C.C. v ORATORY SCHOOL C.C.

We arrived, as ever, full of hope and expectation that this would finally be our year to record a victory in this fixture. The school was founded in the same year as the Incogs and although the fixture is relatively recent the Incogs have a miserable return under my stewardship with one draw, one abandoned to the weather the rest ending in defeat, some of them close, others (2021) not so close!

Oratory School won the toss and had no hesitation asking us to have first use of the pitch (albeit they had chased 226 successfully on the same strip the day before against the Nomads). We were quickly in our traditional trouble after Indy was on the wrong end of a poor decision given out LBW with a good stride in and batting a yard outside his crease, 2 for 1 quickly became 8 for 3 as Finn Harris and Harry Rogers both followed Indy back to the pavilion. Time for some experience and Ed Ince joined Raman Suri to steady the ship somewhat until Ed was out to an absolute screamer of a catch off a shot that looked like 4 from the minute it left his bat. Sunny joined Raman to continue the rebuilding job and was going nicely until he pulled up with back trouble and temporarily retired hurt. Ben Birtles became Raman's latest partner until Raman was out shortly before lunch for a patient 26. At lunch we were up against it at 69 for 5 with Sunny taking his medicinal combination of ibuprofen and port.

Post lunch things began to look up with a strong partnership between Cardiff University's duo of Ben Birtles and candidate Callum Creighton (BB / CC). They were nearing a century stand when Ben was given out LBW just short of what would have been a well-crafted 50. Sunny (21*) returned to the fray but soon lost Callum who perished in search of quick runs as we looked hopefully towards a declaration. The Incogs sadly didn't have such a luxury as 9, 10 and Jack couldn't quite eke out enough quick runs without risking their wickets as we were all out for 186, a decent effort given the start we had but it felt about 20 runs too few.

The Cardiff boys got us off to a solid start until Ben suffered a similar fate to Sunny going lame with a bad back but not before cleaning up their opening batter with a beauty. Callum continued to bowl well and was ably supported by Ed Ince who bowled with accuracy and we felt in the match when the schoolboys were reduced to 48 for 3 in their reply. However we were made to wait for our next wicket as the Oratory built a strong partnership with a couple of their young guns, with A Hector (aged 13!) putting in a mature, match winning innings of 73* to see the school home with 4.1 overs of the last 20 remaining. It was a good game, played in the Incog spirit but ultimately we were unable to create

enough sustained pressure. My thanks to Claire and Gordon for Scoring and Umpiring respectively and to everyone who turned out, we'll get them next year.

Rob Tierney



Played at Oratory School on 28th June 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		ORATORY SCHOOL C.C.	
I.Chakrabarti lbw b Derbyshire	2	H.Thorby c Saeed b Creighton	23
*R.Suri c Sidhu b Hector	26	K.Tappan b Birtles	4
*F.Harris b Derbyshire.....	0	O.Winterbottom b Ince.....	11
*H.Rogers c Tejai b Thomas.....	0	T.Akavarapu lbw b Tierney.....	67
E.Ince c Winnterbottom b Hector.....	10	A.Hector Not Out.....	73
S.Bowry Not Out	21	Gary ? b Saeed.....	0
B.Birtles lbw b Akavarapu.....	45	H.Blair Not Out.....	6
*C.Creighton c Tejai b Thomas	44	G.Ganagabalan DNB.....	
N.Saeed b Thomas	7	C.Thomas DNB.....	
A.G.Wood st Wild b Akavarapu	7	J.Jackson DNB.....	
R.J.F.Tierney c Winterbottom b Thomas	0	A.Wild DNB	
Extras.....	24	Extras	3
Total	186	Total (for 5 wkts.)	187

Bowling: *Creighton 10-2-21-1; Birtles 3-0-22-1; Ince 6-1-23-1; *Rogers 4-0-31-0; Wood 4-0-29-0; Tierney 4.5-0-33-1; Saeed 5-0-26-1.

RESULT : LOST BY 5 WICKETS

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

Another enthralling game for Incogs. We had another strong side out against Maidenhead & Bray. Imi Khan the match manager and captain won the toss and elected to bat first on a decent track. Angad Ajgaonkar and Alvin Sathya opened the batting, Angad fell early but Alvin and young Bevan West put on 82 for the 2nd wicket, Bevan going onto make his maiden century for Incogs, hopefully many more to come! With some big hitting by Oliver Wood, and a cameo by Nav Saeed the score managed to get to 256 in 39 Overs.

Maidenhead & Bray got off to a positive start with their Aussie overseas batting the entire innings and only giving half a chance in scoring 121 not out. Imi Khan was pick of the bowlers taking 4 for 10 with 5 maidens. We had the oppo 8 down, just could not get the last 2 wickets. Great game with a great atmosphere and team.

Nav Saeed

Played at Maidenhead & Bray C.C. on 3rd July 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		MAIDENHEAD & BRAY C.C.	
#A.Ajgaonkar c? b Mookhtiar.....	6	K.Helgi Not Out.....	121
A.Sathya b Smith	39	S.Machunda c Saeed b Khan	18
#B.West Retired Out	119	F.Qureshi c Saeed b Khan	0
O.Wood c? b Smith.....	37	H.Gray c A.G.Wood b Khan	4
N.Saeed Not Out	31	A.Hussain b Khan.....	1
#R.West b Krishe	1	A.Leclerq c Sathya b Bhogireddy.....	14
N.Malik Not Out	12	Machunda c A.G.Wood b Bhogireddy....	8
#C.Chintakunta DNB		Mookhtiar b A.G.Wood.....	7
#V.Bhogireddy.....		T.Smith b West.....	0
A.G.Wood DNB.....		H.Grover Not Out.....	11
I.Khan DNB.....		M.Armstrong DNB.....	
Extras.....	11	Extras	18
Total (for 5 wkts.).....	256	Total (for 8 wickets).....	202

Bowling:#Chintakunta 7-0-31-0; A.G.Wood 8-0-58-1; Khan 7-5-10-4; Malik 6-0-15-0; #Bhogireddy 5-0-42-2; #Ajgaonkar 4-0-26-0; #B.West 3-0-8-1; Saeed 1-0-2-0.

RESULT : MATCH DRAWN



INCOGNITI C.C. v CRYPTICS C.C.

Played at Bradfield C.C. on 10th July 2022:-

On a blistering hot day, two of the oldest wandering sides finally met at the lovely Bradfield CC. Paul Armstrong, exhausted or fulfilled by his 141* there on the previous day, was happy to watch a young side join battle. Many thanks to him for hosting and running the bar.

The Incogs won the toss and elected to bat. Tom Elstone bowled superbly in a long spell. He induced several edges including two in his first over but nothing stuck. Both openers prospered and passed 50; Husnat Nadir making 70, and Jack Lockwood 54. Joe Ireland's experience and guile put on the brakes (11-1-38-4) and Paul Massey, with 3-13, applied further pressure to the middle-order. Nevertheless, Incogs made 255-8 declared from 42 overs; a fair declaration but still a big challenge for the Cryptics on a deteriorating wicket and after fielding through the hottest part of the day. Fine catches from 'keeper Prakrith Rao and Sam Elstone, diving forward inches above the ground, backed up the bowlers. Justin Jewell and his son Alfie were both excellent in the field. Alfie, an U14 teammate of Prakrith, surprised the Incogs with pace and swing.

Sam Elstone looked assured from the start - leaving or defending good deliveries and despatching anything loose to the boundary. He got good support from Prakrith (34), while Nick Ashton (18) and

Justin Jewell struck some good blows. However, Sam's departure for 127 and two unfortunate and avoidable runouts gave the Incogs hope and sent jitters through Cryptics, especially Messrs Wilkins and Massey who were padded and ready. Step up Tom Elstone to strike 3 consecutive boundaries in the 19th over of the final 20, levelling the scores and easing the tension. The Cryptics scampered through for a bye to win with an over to spare.

INCOGNITI C.C.		CRYPTICS C.C.	
H.Nadir lbw b Ireland	70	S.Elstone st ? b Nadir	127
*J.Lockwood lbw b Ireland	54	A.N.Other Retired Out	18
S.Bowry lbw b Ireland	10	P.Rao b Khan	34
S.Eyre b Massey.....	43	N.Ashton c? b Bowry	18
*R.Suri c? b Ireland	0	A.N.Other c? b Nadir.....	3
I.Khan lbw b Massey	18	A.N.Other c? b Nadir.....	10
*H.Rogers c? b Massey	0	J.Ireland Run Out	9
#A.Murtaza Not Out	12	T.Elstone Not Out.....	12
A.Sathya Not Out.....	24	A.N.Other Run Out	0
#C.Chintakunta DNB		W.Wilkins Not Out.....	0
N.Saeed DNB.....		P.Massey DNB.....	
Extras.....	24	Extras	25
Total (for 7 wickets)	255	Total (for 8 wickets).....	256

Bowling: Sathya 9-0-46-0; *Rogers 7-0-37-0; Khan 7-1-44-1; Saeed 3-0-23-0; #Murtaza 3-0-23-0; Bowry 4-0-38-1; Nadir 6-1-22-3.

RESULT : LOST BY 2 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C.C v PHILANDERERS C.C.

On a glorious sunny and warm Sunday afternoon, Incogs travelled up to Perse School in Cambridge to play Philanderers CC who had not lost in a Sunday fixture for over 3 years!! Hope was high that Incogs could halt this run of form from Philanderers, as we fielded a well balanced side - although T Sims had to convert from umpire to wicket keeper on the day due to the call up of A Sathya (one of our U18 members) who was selected to play for the Reigate Priory 1st XI T20 side.

Philanderers won the toss and unsurprisingly elected to bat. They got off to a really strong start against the Incog seam attack of I Khan and H Rogers. After 10 overs, Philanderers were 63 without loss - time to turn to spin!! N Malik (8-2-45) struck in the 11th over and immediately demonstrated that this was a spinners track. All Incog spin bowlers extracted prodigious turn and batsmen had to navigate this and erratic bounce. I Ahmed, a guest who had played for Pakistan Veterans XI, bowled beautifully but without much luck (10-1-15), Ben Bell ripped his leg spinners and Tony Wood (6 -2-29) found bounce and turn with his orthodox left arm wrist spin. A Fullerton (68) was the pick of the Philanderers batsmen, all of whom had to work hard against the Incog spin attack, and eventually Philanderers declared after 42 overs on 200 - a fair and sporting declaration.

N Saeed and J Lockwood opened the Incogs innings against a seam attack that bowled accurately and exploited a track that was breaking up in the heat. Lockwood started strongly but was out for 24 in the 9th over with the total on 36. N Saeed (27) and J Andrews (26) dug in and batted stoically and sensibly against a mix of challenging spin and seam attack. When the last 20 overs of the day commenced Incogs were 89 for 3 - requiring 111 to win. The game was on. A Fullerton and H Campbell were introduced, bowling some devilish spin bowling, really exploiting the wicket that was now a spinners paradise. In spite of some sensible batting by I Ahmed (39) and a cameo attack by H Rogers (16) and I Khan (18), Incogs could not resist the spinning and spitting Philanderers spin attack, and lost their final 5 wickets for 34 runs, and were all out for 174 with one over remaining to hold out for a draw. A Fullerton finished with 5 for 31.

It was a closely fought and enjoyable contest. Philanderers left with their win record intact, and Incogs left to go for a meal in Cambridge City Centre. We look forward to next year's encounter.

Tim Sims



Played at The Perse School, Cambridge on 24th July 2022:-

PHILANDERERS C.C.	
A.Fullerton c Sims b Wood.....	68
W.Hammond c Sims b Malik.....	31
C.Pearson b Ahmed.....	5
R.Gill b Malik.....	12
C.Pearson b Wood.....	24
J.Rutt b Bell.....	11
N.Cox Not Out.....	17
H.Campbell Not Out.....	6
F.Perluis DNB.....	
G.Dean DNB.....	
G.Coteman DNB.....	
Extras.....	26
Total (for 6 wkts.).....	200

INCOGNITI C.C.	
A.Fullerton c Sims b Wood.....	68
*J.Lockwood c Cox b Rutt.....	24
J.Andrews b Dean.....	26
S.Bowry c Hammond b Fullerton.....	7
#I.Ahmed c Cox b Campbell.....	39
*H.Rogers lbw b Campbell.....	16
A.G.Wood c Dean b Fullerton.....	2
B.Bell c C.Pearson b Fullerton.....	0
I.Khan c Dean b Fullerton.....	18
N.Malik c C.Pearson b Fullerton.....	0
T.M.Sims Not Out.....	0
Extras.....	15
Total.....	174

Bowling: Khan 5-0-23-0; *Rogers 5-0-35-0; #Ahmed 10-1-15-1; Malik 8-0-45-2; Bell 8-0-32-1; Wood 6-0-29-2.

RESULT : LOST BY 26 RUNS

MID-WEST TOUR

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

Incogs gathered at the resplendent Tidworth cricket ground to the much-anticipated opening game of the Mid-West Tour 2022. It had been some years since an Incogs win against Wiltshire Queries, who always field a strong side in this prestigious fixture. Batting first, Queries reached 113-4 at lunch with their innings built around some classy stroke-making by Pirie. Incogs captain Saeed and his troops were pleased with their morning's work having contained Queries' run rate and taken four wickets on a decent batting track. Pirie continued to bat well through the afternoon session reaching 120 before being caught and bowled by Ollie Wood for his first of two wickets. Harry Rogers also picked up two wickets and Imi Khan three as Queries declared their innings on 209 for 9. Incogs' reply was led by Finn Harris who played a perfectly paced knock to make 80. Around Finn's anchoring role, other batsmen chipped in. Kaps Balasubramanian looked good for 17 before snicking one to the 'keeper. Imtiaz Ahmed, guesting all week for Incogs, showed his obvious pedigree with 41 whilst Scott Baxter made a quick-fire 18. Harry Rogers and Imi Khan came together to complete the run chase, scoring 30* and 17* respectively, and secure Incogs a well-deserved win. A special note of thanks should be made to Kannan Jagannathan, a New Zealand first-class umpire visiting the UK for the summer, who officiated the game to an impressively high standard (whilst being miked up to the scorers in the box throughout).

Jon Andrews



Played at Tidworth on 2nd August 2022:-

WILTSHIRE QUERIES C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
N.Jephson b Rogers.....	7	N.Malik b Robertson	1
D.Pirie c & b O.Wood	120	*F.Harris b Pirie	80
J.Kelly c Baxter b Rogers.....	18	K.Balasubramaniam c McClure b Reeve	17
M.Gurung c Baxter b Khan	1	#I.Ahmed c Leakey b Roberts	41
G.Leakey b Ahmed	0	S.Baxter b Leakey	18
A.Coupe b A.G.Wood.....	4	O.Wood c McClure b Roberts	4
S.Reeve b O.Wood	24	*H.Rogers Not Out.....	30
S.Robertson Not Out	5	I.Khan Not Out.....	17
P.Roberts b Khan	16	J.Andrews DNB	
S.McClure Not Out	1	A.G.Wood DNB.....	
Extras	8	Extras	10
Total (for 9 wickets)	217	Total (for 6 wkts.)	218

Bowling: O.Wood 13-1-55-2; *Rogers 10-4-24-2; #Ahmed 10-3-25-1; Khan 10-0-47-3; A.G.Wood 11-1-59-1.

RESULT : WON BY 4 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C. C. v TROWBRIDGE C.C.

The Incogs touring party arrived in Trowbridge supplemented by the evergreen doyen of Wiltshire cricket Ninian Macgregor. Ninian had played against Incogs the previous day for Queries – as he has done for many years – and agreed admirably, with little notice, to guest for Incogs at Trowbridge to cover for the unfortunate injury to Sunny Bowry. Ollie Wood made his captaincy debut for Incogs and elected to bat first, sending Finn Harris to the middle alongside Nav Saeed. Finn, fresh from his fine efforts at Tidworth, set about dispatching the Trowbridge bowling to all parts of the ground. He found an able partner in the stylish Imtiaz Ahmed who made 96, falling short of what would have been an impressive century. Finn himself did get to three figure before falling for 102. With plenty of time left in the game, Incogs looked for more substantial contributions from the middle and lower order. Sadly, another big score was not forthcoming and Incogs were bowled out for 260. After tea – and another sizeable feed from the Trowbridge kitchen – the home side began their response. At 137-6 in the 32nd over, Incogs were confident of securing the second win of the week. However, Adam Bolton, captain Tom Oakley and Ed Wilken had other ideas. Between the three power hitters in the Trowbridge line-up, they knocked off the remaining runs in just 16 more overs, with the loss of only one wicket. Incogs, who had had the momentum wrestled away from them in the game, were left to question the ‘what ifs’ and lick their wounds before preparing for the final game of the week.

Jon Andrews

Played at Trowbridge on 3RD August 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		TROWBRIDGE C.C.	
*F.Harris lbw b Robins	102	J.Ealey lbw b Ag.g.Wood.....	22
N.Saeed c Robins b Redfearn.....	7	A.Hughes c Ahmed b O.Wood.....	16
#I.Ahmed b Hughes	96	T.Burrows c Harris b O.Wood.....	0
N.Malik c Wilken b Hurst.....	20	J.Foster c Andrews b A.G.Wood.....	47
*H.Rogers lbw b Hughes	13	J.Hurley Run Out.....	3
S.Baxter lbw b Tallentire	1	A.Bolton b Ahmed	66
A.G.Wood c Oakley b Hurst	2	T.Oakley b Malik	20
O.Wood c Foster b Hurst	10	C.Wilken Not Out.....	69
T.M.Sims Not Out.....	0	H.Robins Not Out.....	10
J.Andrews b Hurst.....	7	J.Redfearn DNB.....	
#N.MacGregor c Foster b Hurst.....	0	C.Talentire DNB	
Extras.....	2	Extras	8
Total	260	Total (for 7 wkts.)	261

Bowling: O.Wood 8-2-14-2 *Rogers 8-2-34-0; A.G.Wood 8-0-47-2; Malik 11-0-56-1; #MacGregor 4-0-28-1; Saeed 7-0-56-0; #Ahmed 5-0-19-1.

RESULT : LOST BY 3 WICKETS



Action at Trowbridge

INCOGNITI C.C. v MALMESBURY C.C.

The final game on the Mid-West tour saw Incogs take on Malmesbury in the Antony Richardson Cup on another gloriously sunny and hot afternoon. Five of the Incog touring party had prepared themselves for the game by playing 9 holes in the morning, one Incog had not shown up due to injury when we only had 10 available in the first place, but the team was bolstered by Louis Dugdale who had driven up from Somerset and Jeremy Richardson who only came to watch!! Incredible that 10 Incogs and a guest (I.Ahmed) were able to take to the field!!

The match was a great game of cricket. Incogs batted first and declared on 268-8 off 41 overs. Alex Drew smashed an amazing 119 and Finn Harris chipped in with a stylish 57 and it is worth a mention in dispatches that the Malmesbury bowler R.Gaunt ended with 5 for 29 off 6 overs.

The tea interval is always a welcome affair - sandwiches, scones, cakes and crisps were once again available. This tea interval was extended to allow Tim Sims to present a pair of engraved wine goblets to Lord and Lady Moss in recognition of the years of service to club as player, umpire, scorer, and supporters. Tim Sims also presented the first shirt and cap sponsored from the Oliver Battcock Fund to support young candidates and players to Finn Harris who has been an ever-present on the UK tours over the past couple of years and who has contributed with some fantastic and game-changing innings and some excellent wicket-keeping performances.

Malmesbury fought hard to chase down Incogs' total of 268, but could never quite get up to the required run rate, losing wickets at the wrong time. N.Saeed was the pick of the Incogs bowlers, finishing with 4-59, and it was a delight for Jeremy Richardson in his borrowed kit to pick up a wicket by bowling the Malmesbury no.6!! Incogs had the last over of the day to take two wickets to secure victory and only just failed, taking a wicket off the last ball of the day. Malmesbury finished on 207 for 9.

As Incogs were the previous holders of the Antony Richardson Cup, and as this game was a draw, we awarded it to ourselves but left it with Malmesbury for safekeeping until next year!!

Tim Sims

Played at Malmesbury C.C. on 4th August 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		MALMESBURY C.C.	
*F.Harris lbw b Gaunt.....	57	T.Blundell b O.Wood	19
P.A.B.Beecroft lbw b Beldon.....	1	R.Coville Run Out.....	55
A.Drew Run Out	119	N.Roynon c O.Wood b Saeed.....	10
#I.Ahmed b Gaunt.....	0	T.Newman c Drew b Saeed	4
L.Dugdale c & b Gaunt	4	M.Bond lbw b A.G.Wood	9
J.B.Richardson c Gaum b Gaunt	4	H.Gaum b Richardson	29
O.Wood Not Out	39	R.Gaunt c Sims b Saeed	54
N.Saeed lbw b Cundick.....	17	F.Beldon lbw b Ahmed.....	5
A.G.Wood b Gaunt	1	E.Shellard Not Out	0
T.M.Sims Not Out.....	12	T.Cundick lbw b Saeed.....	0
J.Andrews DNB		S.Jepsom DNB	
Extras.....	2	Extras	22
Total (for 8 wkts.).....	268	Total (for 9 wkts.)	207

Bowling:O.Wood 6-0-28-1;Saeed 16-1-59-4; A.G.Wood 5-0-17-1; Richardson 5-0-41-1; Andrews 3-0-33-0; #Ahmed 5-1-7-1.

RESULT : MATCH DRAWN



INCOGNITI C.C. v CROSS ARROWS C.C.

Having beaten Cross Arrows last year, we were looking forward to a splendid day of cricket at the picturesque Berkhamsted ground. What made the day even more special was that a luncheon had been arranged for 20 invited guests to say thank you to Nick Gibbs who stood down as the Club president at Christmas last year.

I arrived at the ground at 10.45 to welcome Cross Arrows and to ensure the ground and catering arrangements for the day were all in place. Cross Arrows had arrived and we welcomed them with coffee, tea and biscuits. The Incogniti side were finally all present at 11.25! Incogs won the toss and elected to bat, which seemed a little odd following the experience of playing at the venue the previous year. It was hot, however, and the Incogniti batting line up looked strong, so surely things would be OK?

Incogs were 6-6 in the 7th over of the game - four bowled and two LBW! The bowling was terrific and the Cross Arrows bowlers made fine use of the Berkhamsted slope. Surely the luncheon guests, including two past and one current Presidents, would get to see some cricket? Incogs did survive to lunch and went onto make 112 with Raman Suri (29) and Zain Khan (40) the only batsmen to make it into double figures.

Cross Arrows were able to chase down the target in twenty-two overs with the loss of four wickets.

The luncheon for Nick Gibbs was splendid and Tony Wood presented a decanter to Nick as a gesture of gratitude from the Club for Nick's contribution to the Club as player, Hon Secretary and President. At least the luncheon guests did see a little bit of cricket!

Tim Sims

Played at Berkhamsted C.C. on 10th August 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.

H.Nadir b Cox.....	2
I.Chakrabarti b Kanjia	0
R.Sehmi b Cox.....	2
#J.Thomas lbw b Cox.....	1
*R.Suri c & b Tipnis	29
K.Balasubramaniam b Cox	0
N.Malik lbw b Cox.....	0
N.Saeed b Tipnis.....	7
#Z.Khan b Kanjia.....	40
I.Khan c & b Tipnis.....	8
T.Pegler Not Out.....	8
Extras.....	15
Total	112

CROSS ARROWS C.C.

L.Weston c Pegler b I.Khan.....	15
S.Dyer Not Out.....	56
A.Berry c Balasubramaniam b I.Khan....	4
L.Cox c Chakrabarti b Pegler	12
J.North c Saeed b Z.Khan.....	21
E.Barksfield Not Out.....	6
M.Choudry DNB.....	
K.Kanjia DNB.....	
A.Tipnis DNB	
S.Pimm DNB.....	
.....	
Extras	0
Total (for 4 wickets).....	114

Bowling: I.Khan 6-2-25-2; Pegler 11-1-69-1; #Z.Khan 5-0-20-1.

RESULT : LOST BY 6 WICKETS



INCOGNITI C.C. v I ZINGARI C.C.



Having been easily beaten the day before by Cross Arrows, it felt important that Incogs played better cricket on the second day of the club's excursion to Berkhamsted. It was even more important as I Zingari had won by 4 wickets the previous year!

The sun was out, the ground looked fantastic and luckily Incogs won the toss and elected to field first in the heat! IZ made steady progress against some respectable Incogs bowling. Illy Kronic rolled back the years and bowled a very accurate opening spell, bowling 3 maidens in his seven overs and he was well supported by Matt Rosson who bowled five overs for sixteen. At 96-3 honours looked even but then a partnership between Hargrove (70) and Greeff (71) formed the foundations of a good total set by IZ of 258-6 after 52 overs. Nav Malik ended with 3-30.

The run chase began and Incogs made a strong start at 177-4 after 29 overs - the win was on. At 228-7 after 37 overs (T.Malik 75 and A.Smith 56) the win looked a possibility but IZ had other ideas (Clark 5-52). It was all looking very exciting and all results were possible with 3 overs to go with Incogs needing 19 to win with 2 wickets remaining. A ninth wicket fell in the 42nd over - Incogs on 244 and it was left to N Saeed and I Kronic to hold out for a draw seeing out the last 2 overs. Honours even!

Tim Sims

Played at Berkhamsted C.C. on 11th August 2022:-

I ZINGARI C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
W.Cunliffe c Pegler b Kronic.....	8	#T.Malik c Graham b Clark.....	75
A.Sale c N.Malik b Khan	47	N.Malik c Berrill b Codrington	17
C.Berrill lbw b Khan.....	10	A.G.Wood lbw b Lewey.....	17
M.Hargrove c Wood b N.Malik	70	A.Smith c Lewey b Clark	56
B.Graham c Rosson b N.Malik	71	T.Pegler c Codrington b Monro.....	7
J.Greeff Not Out.....	18	I.Khan c Davis b Clark.....	17
J.Clark c Rosson b N.Malik	7	*C.Clark c Cunliffe b Clark.....	20
K.Davis Not Out	3	#J.Bacher c Hargrove b Clark.....	12
C.Monro DNB		*M.Rosson c Codrington b Monro	9
O.Lewey DNB		N.Saeed Not Out	1
H.Codrington DNB		I.Kronic Not Out.....	2
Extras.....	24	Extras	14
Total (for 6 wkts.).....	258	Total (for 9 wkts.)	247

Bowling: I.Kronic 7-3-24-1; *Rosson 5-0-16-0; #Bacher 9-0-44-0; Khan 10-1-37-2; N.Malik 6-0-30-3; Pegler 7-0-46-0; #T.Malik 8-0-40-0.

RESULT : MATCH DRAWN

INCOGNITI C.C. v KEW C.C.



Played at Kew Green on 14th August 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		KEW C.C.	
N.Malik c Somalingam b Crewe	22	K.Jain b Sehmi	0
*K.Sachdeva b Pottam	4	I.Pickering c Lockwood b Sachdeva.....	31
*F.Harris b Pottam	1	N.Khan c Bains b Sehmi.....	3
W.Lewis b Crewe.....	0	K.Somalingam c Bains b Rogers	8
*H.Rogers b S.Somalingam	64	I.Sherlock lbw b Sachdeva	18
*J.Lockwood c Somalingam b Berg...	77	P.Berg b Malik	5
#H.Scott c Sherlock b S.Somalingam.	0	S.Portman c Lockwood b Sachdeva.....	16
#C.Bains Not Out.....	89	A.Crewe b Sachdeva	1
R.Sehmi Not Out.....	32	H.Khan c & b Malik.....	4
Absent DNB.....		S.Somalingam Not Out.....	4
Absent DNB.....			
Extras	27	Extras	1
Total (for 7 wkts.).....	316	Total	91

Bowling: #Scott 4-1-17-0; Sehmi 2-1-5-2; *Sachdeva 7-1-27-4; *Rogers 5-0-6-1; Malik 3.3-0-27-2.

RESULT : WON BY 225 RUNS.

INCOGNITI C.C v STOICS C.C.

18th August 2022. Match cancelled.

WESTERN TOUR 2022

INCOGNITI C.C. v UPLYME & LYME REGIS C.C.

The week was set fair. This summer we had enjoyed a bumper period of hot weather. Grounds were parched and outfielders were lightning quick. Uplyme & Lyme Regis our hosts for the second year on our Western Tour were very hospitable as always and allowed us to have a bat first.

The Incogniti batting line up was a mouth-watering prospect. Alex Drew the destroyer of Malmesbury CC earlier in the season on the Mid-West Tour was opening with Harry Gadsby. Both looked very promising early but Steve Batey a bowler who with his Mike Proctor bowling action off the wrong foot has deceptive pace and an enviable accuracy. He got one to nip back to clean bowl Alex.

Up stepped 16-year old Max Walton playing his first game for Incogniti courtesy of an introduction from our resourceful Nav Saeed. Max took it all in his stride and played solid defensive shots mixed in with some tasteful off-drives. A mouth-watering prospect of Harry and Max ensured as we continued to put on a decent opening stand until Harry Gadsby was out for 27 caught and bowled off the slow bowling of Sam Farrow. Enter Jack Lockwood an old Blundellian who Bunny Allenby introduced to the Club. Jack with his left-handed drives and quick running soon built up a good score and partnered Max.

Max was out to the slower bowling of G. Farrow and Jack Lockwood succumbed to the pace of Steve Batey who was continuing with his spell. Tom Gadsby hung around for a little while but Steve Batey struck again bowling Tom. Nonetheless the dependable Jon Andrews entered the wicket twirling his MCC bat handle bat intent on scoring runs. He was joined by Oliver Wood. Jon made steady progress taking ones and twos to keep the score moving. Oliver tried that for a couple of overs and then decided to go after the bowling hitting 4 sixes in one over. He was out for a tasty 45 while Jon carried on.

Another big hitter in Imran Khan came to the wicket and after a couple of deliveries he decided to go after the bowling. Imran hit 25 before being bowled. Again another entertaining innings from Imran who likes a bat. Enter Tim Sims who at this ground the previous year was also batting at the end of the innings only this time he did not need a runner! He ended up on 22 not out and Incogniti ended our 40 overs on a respectable par score of 222.

Incogniti opened the bowling with Oliver Wood and Nav Saeed. Ollie removed Maltby for 8 and Nav Saeed bowled tight. Unfortunately Ollie erred a little on length and Jeremy Sims and M.Batey picked off the loose balls for some lovely boundaries to pick up the pace and score. A continuous rotation of the bowling kept the runs down but could not remove the two Uplyme batsmen.

We finally got the wicket of M.Batey caught by Alex Drew on the long on boundary of Harry Gadsby. Alex Drew clearly intent on taking revenge for his early batting duck bowled some controlled right arm off spin from the pavilion end accounting for the dangerous Steve Batey, Herbert and G.Farrow.

It was then left to Imran Khan, Nav Saeed and Alex to keep it tight while Sam Farrow the Uplyme batsman and captain slowly closed in on the Incogs score. However, it was the vital wicket of Sam Farrow taken by Imran that sealed the game for Incogniti to win by 9 runs.



Played at Uplyme & Lyme Regis C.C.on 21st August 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		UPLYME & LYME REGIS C.C.	
H.Gadsby c & b S.Farrow	27	B.Maltby b O.Wood	8
A.Drew b S.Batey	0	J.Sims c Saeed b Drew	38
*M.Walton b G.Farrow	41	M.Batey c Drew b H.Gadsby.....	43
*J.Lockwood b S.Batey.....	21	S.Farrow b Khan	92
T.Gadsby b S.Batey	0	S.Batey b Drew	6
J.Andrews Not Out.....	22	J.Herbert c H.Gadsby b Drew.....	6
O.Wood c M.Batey b Dennis	45	M.Dennis b Saeed.....	0
I.Khan b Herbert	25	G.Farrow c & b Drew.....	6
T.M.Sims Not Out.....	22	D.Wellman Not Out	0
N.Saeed DNB.....		Absent DNB.....	
A.G.Wood DNB.....		Absent DNB	
Extras.....	19	Extras	14
Total (for 7 wkts.).....	222	Total	213

Bowling: O.Wood 6-0-42-1; Saeed 9-2-27-1; Drew 10-0-60-4; H.Gadsby 5-1-18-1; Khan 6-0-26-1; A.G.Wood 4-0-29-0.

RESULT: WON BY 9 RUNS

INCOGNITI C.C. v HONITON C.C.

Our usual T20 v Honiton started in blistering form. The opening pair of Imran Khan and Oliver Wood took on the bowling and rained sixes and fours down on the wet outfield.

Both passed their fifties with solid blows and then got out in time honoured fashion. Nav Saeed (32) and Finn Harris (58) kept up the scoring rate the latter captaining for the evening. When they were out wickets fell in the last few overs of the Incogniti innings. We reached a mammoth 278 runs off 20 overs!

Honiton in return started well with J.Smith fresh from his Australian adventures scoring quickly as everybody invented themselves as slow bowlers except Harry Gadsby who ran in hard. Wickets were

taken by Harry Gadsby, Tony Wood Finn Harris and Nav Saeed but Honiton despite a late flurry from Holes (52) and J.Smith (87 No) fell considerably short. An emphatic win by Incogniti.



Played at Honiton C.C.on 22nd August 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.	
I.Khan c Smith b Sellick	54
O.Wood b Hill	58
N.Saeed lbw b Burgess	32
*F.Harris Run Out.....	58
*M.Walton Not Out	13
A.G.Wood lbw b Burgess	0
#R.Harris Not Out.....	20
*M.Jackson DNB.....	
J.Andrews DNB	
H.Gadsby DNB.....	
T.Gadsby DNB	
Extras.....	43
Total (for 5 wkts).....	278

HONITON C.C.	
R.Burgess c A.G.Wood b H.Gadsby.....	2
J.Smith Not Out.....	87
B.Kennell b Harris.....	8
B.Kidson c O.Wood b A.G.Wood	5
H.Haysom c A.G.Wood b Saeed	0
C.Mudd st F.Harris b Saeed.....	10
A.Holmes Not Out.....	52
B.Sellick DNB.....	
B.Knight DNB.....	
A.Lapping DNB	
R.Hill DNB.....	
Extras	11
Total (for 5 wkts)	175

Bowling: *Jackson 3-0-20-0; H.Gadsby 2-0-18-1; #R.Harris 2-0-14-1; A.G.Wood 3-0-39-1; *Walton 2-0-11-0; Saeed 2-0-6-2; Khan 2-0-16-0; O.Wood 2-0-28-0; Andrews 2-0-19-0.

RESULT : WON BY 103 RUNS

INCOGNITI C.C. v OTTERY ST. MARY C.C.

Following the early morning success of the pitch and putt competition (see below) we moved onto Ottery St Mary CC. Midweek cricket appears to be getting more difficult for club sides to field teams against wandering touring sides and Ottery were a young side.

Finn Harris captaining the side had no hesitation in batting first and asked both Harry Gadsby and Oliver Wood to open up. Things continued from yesterday evening's game. Loose bowling got dispatched into the adjacent field on a regular basis and good balls followed in the same fashion. The younger element of the touring party were all given plenty of "Baz Ball" licence to get stuck into the bowling which they duly did.

Harry played his usual solid game for 65, Oliver Wood crashed the ball over the boundary with regularity for his maiden Incogniti hundred and was retired by the skipper for a hard hitting 101 No. Finn Harris and Max Walton played some lovely drives and square cuts on a very quick outfield and with the assistance of Kiran Sakhamuri a candidate (18 No) Incogniti retired at 250 off 35 overs.

The Incogniti bowling of Jeremy Sims with his slow right arm and Tony Wood with his slow left arm were probably the combined age of the Ottery side. Nonetheless, the young opening bat from Ottery showed composure to stay at the wicket and build an innings. Matt Jackson playing his first game for Incogniti as a candidate bowled with great effort and finished with three wickets off 10 overs and looked every part the Incog cricketer in the field pulling out some stunning sliding stops. Needless to say our bowling could not find the last three wickets and we drew as Ottery St Mary reached 137 for 7 off 45 overs.

The tea and hospitality from Ottery St Mary was thoroughly enjoyable and we look forward to seeing the young cricketers from Ottery grow and come back next year.



Played at Ottery St. Mary CC.on 23rd August 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		OTTERY ST. MARY C.C.	
H.Gadsby b Clements	65	W.Sheaves b A.G.Wood.....	5
O.Wood Retired Out	101	J.Triner c H.Gadsby b R.Harris	43
*F.Harris St ? b Jeacock.....	19	L.Walker c Walton b Jackson.....	10
*M.Walton Not Out	26	A.Dean b R.Harris.....	7
*M.Jackson lbw b Clements.....	8	J.Clements b Jackson.....	7
#K.Sakhamuri Not Out.....	18	D.Jeacock c Andrews b Jackson.....	17
#J.Sims DNB		M.Jeacock b Andrews	15
T.Gadsby DNB		B.Venables Not Out	22
J.Andrews DNB		C.Mitchell Not Out.....	6
#R.Harris DNB		J.Tierney DNB	
A.G.Wood DNB.....		B.Cope DNB	
Extras.....	13	Extras	5
Total (for 3 wkts).....	250	Total (for 7 wkts.)	137

Bowling: #Sims 5-0-33-0; A.G.Wood 5-0-21-1; *F.Harris 5-0-9-0; #R.Harris 6-0-7-2; *Jackson 10-0-23-3; #Sakhamuri 3-0-11-0; Andrews 7-0-23-1.

RESULT : MATCH DRAWN



INCOGNITI C.C. v EXMOUTH C.C.

Exmouth CC usually proves to be our hardest game on tour midweek, and it was no surprise to see the Exmouth South African Overseas pro and the left handed Ashplant a very good batsman provide a solid start for Exmouth. De Teague a left-handed batsman who Nav Saeed appeared to be tapping up from early overs for future Incogniti games looked very tidy dispatching the bad ball with ease. However, it was Ashplant to go first. Caught by A.Wood off the bowling of H.Gadsby for 10.

Exmouth started well but then the pace fell off and Incogniti bowlers tightened things up. Rob Harris not bowling with his usual accuracy still managed to bag a brace of wickets along with Ollie Wood who had an early burst and then came back and took the wicket of Shah at the end. Max Walton a wicket-keeper who is able to turn his hand to batting and medium pace bowling was very effective

along with Nav Malik who had 8 overs and remained unlucky not to get a wicket. Kiran Sakamuri wrapped up the Exmouth innings after some disciplined bowling at the end.

Finn Harris opened the batting with Jeremy Sims and it looked a well-oiled machine. Jeremy Sims looking solid playing the anchor role, nudging and nudging the single. Jeremy was out for 7 which brought the President to the wicket. He paced himself and even enjoyed a little reverse sweep for the onlookers mildly puzzled to see this ageing cricketer punch the air with delight as he executed what is now considered a routine shot of all front-line batsmen. I guess frontline is where the comparison stops. Finn meanwhile was playing elegant cover drives to some loose opening bowling from the overseas pro who had a nice element of zip to his pace. Finn played a very controlled and well managed innings for his 101 before he retired. Tony Wood was not out on 51. Incogniti had won comfortably by 8 wickets.



Played at Exmouth C.C.on 24th August 2022:-

EXMOUTH C.C.	
A.Van De Teague c Saeed b R.Harris	66
M.Ashplant c A.G.Wood b H Gadsby	10
M.Edworthy c F.Harris b O.Wood	5
R.Schaulter b R.Harris	52
L.Ross c Sakhamuri b Walton	9
E.Brenton b Sakhamuri	2
O.Shah b O.Wood	1
J.Austin Not Out	25
J.Reneday Not Out	0
T.Lawrence DNB	
G.Maynard DNB	
Extras	18
Total (for 7 wkts.)	188

INCOGNITI C.C.	
*F.Harris Retired Out	101
#J.Sims b Austin	7
A.G.Wood Not Out	51
N.Malik Not Out	2
#R.Harris DNB	
#P.Welsh DNB	
#K.Sakhamuri DNB	
#R.Harris DNB	
*M.Walton DNB	
O.Wood DNB	
N.Saeed DNB	
Extras	28
Total (for 2 wkts)	189

Bowling: O.Wood 7-0-29-2; H.Gadsby 8-0-36-1; R.Harris 5-0-21-2 N.Malik 8-0-27-0; N.Saeed 3-0-29-0. M. Walton 5-0-22-1 K.Sakamuri 4-0-10-1

RESULT : WON BY 8 WICKETS

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



Tipton St John have been hosts to many touring sides over the past 38 years for which records exist, but perhaps none as old or noble as Incogniti. They are a nomadic team with roots as far back as 1861 when they played their first match on a bumpy field in North London called Lords. In the pecking order of clubs faced in their history, our humble club must be somewhere close to the bottom line!

Our illustrious visitors were invited to bat first, sans toss. Rob Harris and Nav Malik opened, facing Dave Alford and making his 600th appearance for Tipton, David Birch. Birch nearly got a wicket in his 2nd over when Malik pulled the ball low to Phil Essex at mid-wicket, but he could not hold onto it at shin height. Sods law, Malik hit his first boundary through the same area next ball. Birch did strike in his 4th over with the score on 30 when he trapped Harris LBW for 4.

He should have claimed another in his next but was let down by one of his offspring. Malik again was the beneficiary when he hit the ball to Tom Birch at mid-off who appeared to catch it, but the ball slipped to the grass. Birch Snr ended his spell with 1-18 off 6 overs when it could have been 3 wickets and was replaced by Phil Wright

It was the new batsman Tim Sims who would benefit next from Birch the youngest soapy fingers. This time Alford was the unfortunate bowler but this time the drop was not expensive as Sims was out two overs later. A good catch low down by Matt Davies at mid-off saw him depart for 6. His replacement was Incogniti's captain Tom Gadsby. Tom is not a stranger to Tipton as he had toured here with Bladon and Cublington. (A quick delve into my attic shows he first played here in 2001 for Bladon and was bowled by JR for 11. He last played against Tipton in 2011 for Cublington taking 2 wickets including Jem Gillham, but was bowled by ... Phil Wright for 23 ... he even made an appearance for Tipton in 2012 as player no. 244 when he scored an unbeaten 50 and took 2-13 against Tedburn St Mary.) Sadly for him, his return was not successful as he lasted just 4 balls when bowled by Alford

without scoring. Things looked promising for Tipton at 49-3 as the twice reprieved Malik was joined by son of Tom Gadsby, Harry. However, this was not to be.

Alford at that time had figures of 2-26 off 7, but both batsmen took boundaries off his final over which cost 11 so this became 2-37. Replacing Alford at the river end was Matt Davies. The normally economic Tink conceded 6 boundaries in 4 overs as the batsmen started to dominate.

Wright had nearly claimed a wicket with his first ball when Malik top edged a ball into space on the legside. In the remainder of his 6 overs he did not threaten, but conceded mostly singles (23) as the batsmen opted for safety and had figures of 0-33. At drinks Incogniti were 89-3, but then accelerated adding 92 in the next 12 overs.

Temporarily relieved of duty at mid-off, Tom Birch was loitering at mid-wicket when Malik chipped a ball in his direction. Whether he was contemplating previous spillages or wondering what tea would be like, he was late out of the blocks as the ball fell harmlessly. Shortly after, he could just get a finger to a fierce hit by Gadsby that sailed over his head for a boundary. Both batsmen reached their half centuries, Malik off 51 balls and Gadsby off 42.

John Buckland took over from Wright and Joe Birch from Davies. Whilst 'middle' Birch was haemorrhaging runs. Buckland struck twice in his 3rd over. Malik's marathon innings was finally ended when he edged a ball to keeper Dave Thayre. He had scored 85 off 81 balls with 12 boundaries in a partnership of 108 with Gadsby jnr. Two balls later, new bat Max Walton was bowled by Buckland for a duck with the visitors now on 157-5.

Nav Saeed joined Gadsby and Phil Essex took over from the expensive Joe Birch who had conceded 46 off 4 overs. The batsmen added a further 56 when a bizarre over by Buckland slowed up the onslaught. Thinking it would be safe to do so, Saeed hit the ball to Tom Birch who had returned to mid-off and who, to his delight, took the catch and flung the ball high into the air. Saeed had scored 18 off 15 balls. First ball, Imi Khan tried to clear Tom Birch who leapt at took the ball one-handed. Tony Wood came in on a hat-trick with the field closing in. Wood did not seem to worry about defending his first ball and drove it back down the pitch Carefully avoiding Tom Birch, the ball when leg-side. Bad news for him, Matt Davis was fielding there and he dived forward and took the catch. So the hat-trick was achieved by John Buckland, only the 11th player to do this and the first for 6 years. Whilst this mayhem was going on, Harry Gadsby was stranded on 92 with only one full over left. The new batsman Finn Harris greedily hit a boundary first ball and a picked out Tom Birch second, but the fielder had his own hat-trick of drops to give Gadsby the strike with 7 balls remaining. He managed to get a single off the final ball to get the strike back with 6 balls left and still needing 7 runs for what I believe would be his first ever century.

The final over was bowled by Phil Essex. With the field well spread, the first two balls were hit for two's and the third for a single. Harris was able to return the strike getting a single with the 4th ball. A wide by Essex did not change the equation of two needed, but a dot ball next did. The final ball of the innings saw Gadsby Jnr find a gap and ran a two ending exactly 100 not out off 74 balls with Incogniti ending on 228-8. Buckland's fine spell ended with him getting 5-27.

Another good tea from Liz Thayre was enjoyed by all, including Tom Birch who managed not to drop his plate. Tipton's reply did not start well as Phil Tolley lost his partner Matt Davies in the first over, bowled via an inside edge by Finn Harris for a duck. Tipton's chances suffered a blow in the 6th over when Tolley was caught and bowled by Ollie Wood for 16 and his departure was followed by Tom Birch bowled by Harris for 7 then John Buckland caught behind by Max Walton off the same bowler for a duck. 27-4 became 37-5 when Phil Essex was out LBW to Imi Khan for 2. Finn Harris was replaced having taken 3-15 off 5 overs.

Tipton's repair job was carried out by Joe Birch and Dave Thayre. They added 67 in 10 overs which surprisingly is enough to get into 9th position in the top 10 partnerships for the 6th wicket. (Displaced

from this list is the 65 between Brian Blackbeard and Alec Pace v East Preston in 2006) The first 6 of the match was hit by Joe Birch off Tony Wood. At drinks Tipton were 80-5, so still 150 needed and much resting on this partnership. Birch was dropped twice as he approached his half century. On 48 he was dropped at deep mid on and 4 balls and one run later he could have been caught at square leg but the ball went through to the boundary to take him to his 4th Tipton half century, (plus 2 centuries). Thayre was having a good time hitting boundaries. From his first 27 balls, 6 went to the boundary whilst the rest were dot balls apart from a bye and leg bye.

The partnership was unfortunately ended with Thayre run out for 29 off 32 balls. Another 30 was added with Dave Alford who scored 16 before he was caught behind by Walton off Rob Harris. Birch was now attacking the target singlehanded. 28 were added with Sam Stone who did not contribute before he was bowled by Nav Saeed for a 4 ball duck. That was one more ball than David Birch faced before he was bowled by the same bowler.

With the score on 162-9, scorer Wright was extracted from his refuge with 68 still needed off 9 overs. He nudged a couple of singles, but off the final ball of the 32nd over, Birch went for a big hit when a single would have been the preferred choice and was stumped by Walton off Tim Sims. So an enjoyable match ended with Incogniti winning by 62 runs bringing Tipton's unbeaten run of 11 matches to an end, our first defeat since July 10th.

Played at Tipton St. John C.C.on 25th August 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		TIPTON ST. JOHN C.C.	
#R.Harris lbw b D.Birch	4	P.Tolley c & b O.Wood	16
N.Malik c? b Buckland	85	M.Davies b F.Harris	0
T.M.Sims c Davies b Alford	6	T.Birch b F.Harris	7
T.Gadsby b Alford	0	P.Essex lbw b Khan.....	2
H.Gadsby Not Out.....	100	J.Buckland c Walton b F.Harris.....	0
*M.Walton b Buckland	0	J.Birch st Walton b Sims	81
N.Saeed c T.Birch b Buckland	18	D.Thayre Run Out	29
I.Khan c T.Birch b Buckland.....	0	D.Alford c Walton b R.Harris.....	16
A.G.Wood c Davies b Buckland	0	S.Stone b Saeed	0
*F.Harris Not Out	6	D.Birch b Saeed.....	0
O.Wood DNB		P.Wright Not Out	2
Extras	9	Extras	28
Total (for 8 wkts.).....	228	Total	166

Bowling: *F.Harris 5-1-15-3; O.Wood 4-1-11-1; A.G.Wood 6-0-34-0; Khan 6-1-19-1; Saeed 5-1-23-2; Sims 2-0-22-1.

RESULT : WON BY 62 RUNS

The Western Tour this year was the most successful tour since I have been running it. Three hundreds by the young players Harry Gadsby, Oliver Wood and Finn Harris matched by some good all-round play from Max Walton behind, in front and bowling at the stumps supported by a nucleus of good cricketers bodes well for Incogniti.

My thanks to Norman Dugdale for umpiring in the first game v Uplyme & Lyme Regis and Christopher Dean for standing in the remaining fixtures. I look forward to next season and renewing friendships both on and off the field.

A.G.Wood – Tour Manager

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



The picturesque ground of Long Marston CC was once again the venue for our fixture against Free Foresters, and as is the norm' Free Foresters fielded a strong eleven. Free Foresters elected to bat on winning the toss, and Incogs opened their bowling attack with O.Wood and C.Creighton - a right and left arm seam attack which tested the Free Forester openers. At 82-3, honours looked about even, unlike the Long Marston wicket - it was not a day for wicket keepers!. C.O'Brian - (Antipodean overseas pro from Letchworth CC) was joined at the crease by J.Fisher (Antipodean overseas pro from Southgate CC) both batted really well with some solid defence, classy strokes and some strong hitting.

The Incog bowlers all bowled well, with 3 wickets from the flight and guile of Alex Drew, and two wickets apiece for O. Wood and D. Boothroyd, and they were well supported by some good and agile Incogs fielding. Fisher (overseas pro from Southgate) ended on 117 off 74 balls, hitting 14 fours and 5 sixes - a really excellent display of batting. Free Foresters declared on 288-8 off 50 overs - a very fair declaration.

Ash Leat and Harry Gadsby opened the batting for Incogs facing the pace of J.Fisher (following his knock of 117) and K.J. Sullivan (the overseas pro from Berkhamsted CC who plays for Montserrat). Incogs made a solid start before H.Gadsby was bowled by a huge in swinger from Fisher when the score was 48. M.Costin and L.Frey joined the fray with their leg spin and Incogs looked to be progressing well with a fine 41 by A Leat and a well worked 43 by G.Sumra - a 19 year old candidate from Datchet. At 172-4 things were looking even but then rot set in with a strange-looking LBW decision against A.Drew - 172-5! Alex Smith showed his class and was batting really well but unfortunately ran out of partners, with Callum Creighton (14) the only batsman in the bottom six to be able to make double figures. Incogs finally succumbed at 241 in the 43rd over with Alex Smith on 56, Fisher ending with 4-27, and the Free Forester wicket keeper on 34 byes - it wasn't a day for wicket keepers!!

Tim Sims

Played at Long Marston C.C. on 31st August 2022:-

FREE FORESTERS C.C.	
J.Parslow b Wood	13
J.Richardson lbw b Rosson	21
C.O'Brian b Boothroyd.....	57
R.Wood c Pearce b Boothroyd.....	0
J.Fisher b Drew	117
L.Frey b Wood.....	21
W.Haggar c Smith b Drew	7
K.J.Sullivan c Wood b Drew.....	10
M.Costin Not Out.....	18
M.Rochester Not Out	0
L.Barnes DNB	
Extras.....	24
Total (for 8 wkts).....	288

INCOGNITI C.C.	
A.Leat lbw b Barnes.....	41
H.Gadsby b Fisher.....	11
#G.Sumra c Wood b Frey.....	43
A.Smith Not Out	56
O.Wood b Frey.....	18
A.Drew lbw b Costin.....	5
I.Khan b Costin.....	0
*C.Creighton c Barnes b Fisher.....	14
*M.Rosson lbw b Fisher.....	0
P.Pearce b Fisher	4
D.Boothroyd DNB.....	
Extras	43
Total	241

Bowling: *Creighton 10-0-40-0; Wood 11-2-57-2; *Rosson 9-2-39-1; Boothroyd 8-0-42-2; Drew 6-1-48-3; Khan 2-0-18-0; Gadsby 4-0-23-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 47 RUNS

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



With the season gradually drawing to a close, the Keeper of Scores and Averages made the straightforward journey to Chiswick C.C. for his only Incog scoring 'gig' of the season against the touring Western Province C.C.

On a cloudy, humid day, Incog skipper Nav Saeed duly won the toss and elected to bat first in a 40-over match while the Incog scorer took up a suitable sheltered vantage point and prepared to record the proceedings in the company of various sociable members of the opposition. A sound start was not forthcoming with Nav Malik back 'in the hutch' for 5. The arrival of Ben Birtles to join Nick Wood saw the situation improved in fine style with both batsmen playing some excellent shots. Both recorded fine fifties in 67 and 62 balls respectively and the stand had just passed the hundred when Wood was trapped in front by Millam for 50. The incoming Sunny Bowry then had the misfortune of recording a Primary being well-held by Byrne at slip. Candidate Raman Suri combined with Birtles

for a good stand of 60 before becoming the first of Matt Barlow's victims and he duly added a second by dismissing another candidate, Matt Walton, for 3. The accurate Trevor Pape, who had been keeping things quiet, then struck to remove Ollie Wood. Birtles, meanwhile, continued to a splendid century from 103 balls but became Pape's second success in his next over for exactly 100, an innings that was well-received by both sets of players and supporters. With the innings drawing to a close, Pape and Barlow took another wicket apiece to see Incogniti finish on 205-9.

After a nice tea, out went Western Province to challenge the target and the innings got off to a bad start as Ollie (son of the Pres) removed Ferguson without scoring. Button was batting steadily and he was given good support by Nick Slabber in a 60-run partnership before the introduction of Imran Khan sent back Slabber for a fine 30. At the other end, Phil Arnould had been twirling away without reward until his very last ball which bowled Button for 27. This was to be the last home success for a while as Nick Barlow, who plays for the WP 1st XI as well as being Chestfield's overseas player in the Kent League, began to show his immense class. Playing some superb shots, he dominated a stand with Bell which was ended with the score 136 when the introduction of Ben Birtles had an immediate success when Suri held a regulation catch. Barlow was now past fifty in 40 balls but then Bowry had him caught again by Suri to end his excellent innings on 65. The score was now 156 in the 29th over and, with no further Incog successes, it was left to Flanagan (41*) and skipper Palframan (19*) to steer the ship home by a 5-wicket winning margin.

It had been a fine match and an excellent day all round with several of the WP players familiar with Incog members who had toured South Africa with the club. Much socializing with crisp ones afterwards led the Keeper of Scores and Averages to vow to be the tour scorer on the next Incog South Africa tour – especially as he has a dinner date with one of the WP ladies!

Peter Wiseman
Scorer

Played at Chiswick C.C. on 2nd September 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		WESTERN PROVINCE C.C.	
N.Wood lbw b Millam	50	M.Button b Arnould	27
N.Malik c Palframan b Flanagan	5	R.Ferguson c Malik b Wood.....	0
B.Birtles b Pape	100	N.Slabber b Khan	30
S.Bowry c Byrne b Millam	0	N.Barlow c Suri b Bowry	65
*R.Suri b M.Barlow	16	A.Bell c Suri b Birtles	15
*M.Walton b M.Barlow	3	A.Flanagan Not Out	41
O.Wood c Flanagan b Pape.....	1	S.Palframan Not Out	19
N.Saeed Not Out	4	C.Roussow DNB	
I.Khan c Ferguson b M.Barlow	6	R.Millam DNB.....	
T.R.G.Mason st Palframan b Pape	2	T.Pape DNB	
P.S.Arnould DNB		L.Byrne DNB.....	
Extras	18	Extras	11
Total (for 9 wkts).....	205	Total (for 5 wkts)	208

Bowling: Arnould 8-2-41-1; Wood 7-1-27-1; Khan 7-1-38-1; Mason 2-0-20-0; Saeed 2-0-21-0; Bowry 4-0-35-1; Birtles 4-1-25-1.

RESULT : LOST BY 5 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C.C. v CHISWICK C.C.

Played at Chiswick C.C. on 4th September 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		CHISWICK C.C.	
A.Drew c Yorath b Pointon.....	8	S.Sharma c Nadir b Boothroyd.....	4
A.N.Other c Yorath b Kirkpatrick	0	G.Suri lbw b ?.....	0
O.Wood c Sharma b Hurtig-Isaac	91	J.Yorath c Boothroyd b ?.....	14
A.N.Other b Pointon	1	A.Kirkpatrick c? b Wood.....	2
I.Valibhoy c Pointon b Nath.....	7	Z.Fry Not Out.....	127
N.Malik lbw b Hurtig-Isaac	9	M.Redfern b?.....	2
H.Nadir c Pearce b Sharma	20	P.Pearce Run Out	10
B.Birtles Run Out.....	45	T.Nath lbw b?.....	0
A.N.Other Not Out.....	14	M.Tomes-Smith c Wood b Birtles.....	10
S.Bowry Not Out	3	B.Hurtig-Isaac Not Out	14
D.Boothroyd DNB		F.Pointon DNB.....	
Extras.....	19	Extras	38
Total (for 8 wkts.).....	217	Total (for 8 wkts)	221

Bowling: Boothroyd 8.4-0-49-1; Other 6-1-12-2; Other 6-0-27-0; Wood 2-0-4-1; Other 8-0-56-2; Nadir 4-0-35-0; Birtles 5-0-20-1.

RESULT : LOST BY 2 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C.C v HIGHGATE C.C.

19th September 2022. Match cancelled.

TOUR TO DUBAI

An Incogniti touring party returned back to the UK (and one player to Australia and one remained in Abu Dhabi) after a thoroughly enjoyable and successful tour to the United Arab Emirates.

Staying in Dubai, we travelled to other states - Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and Ajman to play five matches across a range of formats and conditions - as well as playing the last game on the day we flew back at the ICC Academy ground in Dubai. Six games over eight days was a stretch, especially as the tour party had two late drop outs, but fortunately out of the remaining fourteen players, we had five younger players (under 25) who were willing and able to play most games (Max Walton, Ollie Wood, Harry De Coteau, Alvin Sathya, Joe Rees-Davies). The weather remained hot, the grounds were great to play at, no one got injured and we were able to win three of our six matches.

INCOGNITI C.C. v MERCEDES ENTERPRISE

The first game was played in the evening under lights at the Al Dahid Cricket Village against Mercedes Enterprise on the day we arrived! We lost by nine wickets after scoring 171 off our allotted 20 overs (I.Khan 58, R.De Coteau 43). The stadium was technology-enabled and we had our first experience of a televised review to judge that Ryan De Coteau was run out! The other highlight, or should I say lowlight of the game, was our esteemed tour leader Nav Saeed going for 22 runs off 2 legitimate balls! Lesson - maybe don't schedule a game on the first day of a tour after travelling overnight!

Played at Al Dahid Cricket Village on 22nd October 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.	
I.Khan b Abdul.....	58
*M.Walton lbw b Kazim	10
R.De Coteau Run Out	8
O.Wood Run Out	43
A.Sathya b Kazim	12
#H.De Coteau Not Out.....	9
G.S.Starost Not Out	7
A.G.Wood DNB.....	
*J.Rees-Davies DNB	
N.Saeed DNB.....	
J.Andrews DNB.....	
Extras.....	24
Total (for 5 wkts.).....	171

MERCEDES ENTERPRISE.	
A.Ravish b Sathya.....	37
U.Rizwaan Not Out.....	115
A.Sadam Not Out.....	16
A.Kazim DNB.....	
K.Kadar DNB.....	
A.Fazal DNB.....	
G.Alastair DNB.....	
W.Abdul DNB.....	
W.Farhan DNB.....	
Vessiya DNB.....	
Mozsoiya DNB.....	
Extras	9
Total (for 1 wkt).....	177

Bowling: *Rees-Davies 2-0-39-0; A.G.Wood 4-0-26-0; O.Wood 1-0-23-0; #H.De Coteau 4-0-34-0; Khan 1-0-18-0; Sathya 2-0-14-1; Saeed 0.2-0-22-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 9 WICKETS



INCOGNITI C.C. v ABU DHABI GENTS C.C.



Game two was played in Abu Dhabi at the Emirates Palace Hotel against the Abu Dhabi Gents (including our own Steve Starost). No flood flights so a start time of 10.30 on the hottest day of the tour. The game was played over 40 overs but each team batting twice for a 20-over innings. Incogs lost a tightly fought game by 4 wickets. Standout moments from the match were Immy Khan taking seven wickets, Harry De Coteau opening the first innings and ending not out on 20 after 20 overs in a total of 79, John Andrews being stumped off a wide for 0, Incogs being on the end of a hat trick and some masterful keeping by Kaps on a tricky wicket. The opposition were most hospitable and supplied copious amounts of drinks, a wonderful homemade spread for lunch and a most jovial after games fines session - a great day. We won't mention the number of dropped catches!

Played at Emirates Palace Hotel on 23rd October 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C. – 1 ST INNINGS.		ABU DHABI GENTS – 1 ST INNINGS.	
K.Balasubramaniam b Starost.....	2	G.Gainer b O.Wood.....	19
#H.De Coteau Not Out	20	M.Collinson lbw b Malik.....	36
R.De Coteau c Kurton b Starost.....	13	D.Swart c Sathya b Malik.....	26
J.Andrews st Willgoss b Starost.....	0	G.Kurton c & b Khan	5
O.Wood st Willgoss b Munroe.....	5	S.Blandford lbw b Khan	1
*J.Rees-Davies c Willgoss b Kurton ..	21	J.Ghandi b Khan.....	14
A.Sathya c Willgoss b Kurton.....	0	A.Kelly st Balasubramaniam b Khan.....	2
I.Khan lbw b Kurton	0	B.Munroe Not Out.....	2
N.Malik Not Out.....	4	G.S.Starost Not Out.....	1
A.G.Wood DNB.....		W.Swart DNB	
P.S.Arnould DNB		M.Willgoss DNB.....	
Extras.....	14	Extras	12
Total (for 7 wkts.).....	79	Total (for 7 wkts)	118

Bowling: O.Wood 4-0-21-1; Sathya 4-0-18-0; Arnould 3-0-29-0; Malik 4-0-24-2; A.G.Wood 2-0-16-0.

INCOGNITI C.C. – 2ND INNINGS.

#H.De Coteau st Willgoss b Blandford	23
N.Malik c Gainer b Blandford	11
A.G.Wood b Munroe	10
P.S.Arnould b Kurton.....	16
K.Balasubramaniam c Collinson b D.Swart	7
R.De Coteau c Starost Ghandi.....	35
*J.Rees-Davies Not Out.....	1
J.Andrews DNB.....	
O.Wood DNB	
A.Sathya DNB	
I.Khan DNB.....	
Extras.....	22
Total (for 6 wkts.).....	124

ABU DHABI GENTS – 2ND INNINGS.

G.S.Starost b Khan.....	17
B.Munroe c A.G.Wood b Khan.....	9
M.Willgoss st Balasu'm b H.De Coteau	16
W.Swart c R.De Coteau b Khan	0
G.Gainer c Balasu'm b A.G.Wood	1
M.Collinson b H.De Coteau	1
D.Swart Not Out.....	17
G.Kurton Not Out.....	6
J.Ghandi DNB	
A.Kelly DNB.....	
S.Blandford DNB.....	
Extras	23
Total (for 6 wkts)	90

Bowling: Khan 5-1-21-3; Sathya 2-0-10-0; #H.De Coteau 4.3-0-30-2; A.G.Wood 1-0-13-1; O.Wood 1-0-7-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 4 WICKETS



INCOGNITI C.C. v BEDI CRICKET ACADEMY



Match three and four saw Incogs playing at the legendary Sharjah Cricket Stadium against the Bedi Academy and Sharjah Legends - a real privilege to play there and to have an air-conditioned dressing room! The game against Bedi Academy was the first win of the tour - Incogs ending their 35 overs on 245 (Ryan De Coteau stumped on 91 and Alvin Sathya 80) and Bedi Academy finishing on 166 for 9 off their 35 overs. Incogs bowling attack proved too strong, with Phil Arnould taking 3 for 16, Imran Khan 3 for 28 and following some classy leg spin by Harry De Coteau, he ended on 2-15 off his allotted 8 overs.



Played at Sharjah Cricket Stadium on 25th October 2022:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		BEDI CRICKET ACADEMY.	
N.Saeed b Arshad.....	23	G.Kumar c O.Wood b Arnould.....	24
I.Khan b Jinabu	5	T.Mann c A.G.Wood b Arnould.....	9
A.Sathya b Nalamalla	80	P.Ramesh b Bowry.....	96
R.De Coteau st Tirmezi b Arshad.....	91	A.Downer c Malik b Arnould.....	6
O.Wood Not Out.....	5	S.Thakur c Balasubramaniam b Khan	1
K.Balasubramaniam Not Out.....	2	H.Tirmezi b Khan.....	0
N.Malik DNB.....		L.Moledina b Khan.....	0
P.S.Arnould DNB		H.Arshad c Balasu'm b H.De Coteau	2
#H.De Coteau DNB		N.Jinabu b H.De Coteau.....	1
J.Andrews DNB.....		Z.Moledina b Sathya	16
S.Bowry DNB.....		C.Nalamalla Not Out.....	0
Extras.....	39	Extras	11
Total (for 4 wkts.).....	245	Total	166

Bowling: O.Wood 4-0-32-0; Arnould 7-0-18-3; Khan 8-0-30-3; #H.De Coteau 8-0-17-2; Andrews 3-0-31-0; Bowry 2.3-0-20-1; Sathya 1-0-7-1.

RESULT : WON BY 79 RUNS



INCOGNITI C.C. v SHARJAH LEGENDS

Match four saw Incogs pluck defeat from the jaws of victory! After some superb bowling Legends were bowled out in the 33rd over for 156 (Ollie Wood 4 for 20, and Joe Rees-Davies 4 for 31). Surely an Incogs win was on the cards? Sunny Bowry opened the batting and seemed to forget this was a limited overs game of 35 overs and that you were allowed to run singles. He did accumulate 43 off 26 overs before he was bowled when the score was 93 for 4 but left the team needing a further 63 off the final 9 overs. Still doable? Only Alvin Sathya (29) was able to get into double figures and Incogs collapsed to 113 all out with six wickets falling in four overs. The Incogs scorecard boasted five ducks and four single figure scores!

Played at Sharjah Cricket Stadium on 27th October 2022:-

SHARJAH LEGENDS.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
Dani b O.Wood	1	#H.De Coteau b Bazil.....	4
Shahzad b Sathya	1	S.Bowry b Bazil	43
W,Asim c Walton b O.Wood	8	A.Sathya st Fayyaz b Tipu.....	29
A.Bazil lbw b O.Wood.....	8	K.Balasubramaniam b Tipu.....	0
M.Ahmed c Balasubramaniam b O.Wood	1	R.De Coteau st Fayyaz b Tipu.....	6
Fayyaz c A.G.Wood b Rees-Davies...	13	O.Wood c Asad b Bazil.....	6
Luke b Rees-Davies	31	*M.Walton c Asim b Shahzad	9
Ali Asad c Sathya b Rees-Davies.....	23	I.Khan b Bazil	0
Asim c H.De Coteau b Rees-Davies...	15	A.G.Wood st Fayyaz b Tipu.....	0
A.Tipu c Khsan b A.G.Wood.....	41	N.Saeed b Tipu.....	0
M.Rizwan Not Out.....	0	*J.Rees-Davies Not Out.....	0
Extras.....	14	Extras	16
Total	156	Total	113

Bowling: O.Wood 8-2-20-4; Sathya 8-0-49-1;*Rees-Davies 8-0-31-4; Khan 8-0-56-0; A.G.Wood 0.1-0-0-1.

RESULT : LOST BY 43 RUNS

INCOGNITI C.C. v BEDI CRICKET ACADEMY

Incogs came back strongly in the fifth game - again against Bedi Academy, this time at the Ajman Cricket stadium and with Bedi fielding three new representative local players. Bedi completed their 40 overs on a fine 232, with their opening bat Sarthak finishing not out on 100. After a shaky start with Kaps being bowled for 0, Incogs were able to chase down the total in the 35th over with Nav Malik making a fine 76 and Stephen Starost swashbuckling his way to 62 against some hostile bowling. A fine win.

Played at Ajman Stadium on 28th October 2022:-

BEDI CRICKET ACADEMY.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
Sarthak Not Out	100	K.Balasubramaniam b Irfan.....	0
Laila c H.De Coteau b Arnould	10	*M.Walton c Laila b Hassan	15
T.Irfan b Khan.....	0	N.Malik b Artemis.....	76
H.Arshad Retired Hurt	50	G.S.Starost b Gautham	62
Zak lbw b Saeed.....	22	J.Andrews lbw b Hassan.....	1
Prat Not Out.....	18	I.Khan Not Out.....	28
Artemis DNB.....		A.Sathya Not Out.....	0
Gautham DNB		N.Saeed DNB.....	
Charvik DNB.....		S,Bowry DNB	
Nabil DNB.....		*J.Rees-Davies DNB.....	
Hassan DNB		P.S.Arnould DNB.....	
Extras.....	32	Extras	54
Total (for 4 wkts.).....	232	Total	(for 5 wkts.)236

Bowling: *Rees-Davies 8-0-44-0; Arnould 8-2-25-1;Sathya 3-0-26-0; Malik 8-1-40-0; Khan 8-0-49-1; Saeed 2-0-14-1; Starost 3-0-29-0.

RESULT : WON BY 5 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C.C. v DARJEELING C.C.



Played at ICC Academy Dubai Hills on 30th October 2022:-

The final game against Darjeeling was played at the ICC Academy stadium in Dubai on the morning before most of the tour party flew home. This was a 20 over game and it saw an easy win for Incogs who scored 193, with class innings by Ryan De Coteau (97 not out) supported by Alvin Sathya (36). Darjeeling were bowled out for 97 in the 18th over - Phil Arnould finishing his 4 over spell with 4 for 10. It was great to finish the tour on a win and to be able to spend some time in the bar with a beer waiting for our lift to the airport.

INCOGNITI C.C.		DARJEELING C.C.	
O.Wood Run Out	15	A.Kash lbw b Arnould.....	21
T.M.Sims b Humza	15	R.Nathan b H.De Coteau	13
R.De Coteau Not Out	97	S.Scott c Arnould b Saeed	9
*M.Walton lbw b Gibson.....	6	D.Gibson b H.De Coteau.....	1
A.Sathya st Lux b Scott.....	36	S.Baker c & b Saeed.....	7
J.Andrews Not Out.....	2	B.Charles b A.G.Wood.....	11
A.G.Wood DNB.....		M.Lux st Walton b Arnould	2
N.Saeed DNB.....		U.Shehan c Walton b Arnould.....	0
#H.De Coteau DNB		G.Humza st Walton b Arnould	2
*J.Rees-Davies DNB		B.Heald Not Out.....	9
P.S.Arnould DNB		T.Jeffers c R.De Coteau b Andrews.....	11
Extras	22	Extras	11
Total (for 4 wkts.)	193	Total	97

Bowling: *Rees-Davies 2-0-19-0; #H.De Coteau 4-0-21-2; Saeed 4-0-19-2; Arnould 4-0-10-4; A.G.Wood 3-0-20-1; Andrews 0.4-0-4-1.

RESULT : WON BY 96 RUNS



Thanks must go to Nav Saeed who was the tour manager - he did a brilliant job working with Hasan Jafri from AJ Sports who made sure transport was on time (even if we weren't!) and food and drink were available at all the right times. Nav was presented with a signed print of the iconic Burj Al Arab seven star hotel (no, we didn't stay there!!) and a Dubai T-shirt - small tokens of thanks but presented with massive gratitude.

It would also go amiss if we didn't thank Chris Dean for umpiring in the heat of the Dubai sun, Dave Walton (grandad of Max), Sathya Kumar (dad of Alvin and tour photographer) and Laurence De Coteau (dad of Ryan and Harry) for being our greatest supporters, and all the other spouses and family members that made the trip with us. Where to next?

Tim Sims - Hon Sec.

BATTING AVERAGES OF MEMBERS

(QUALIFICATION: 3 COMPLETED INNINGS)

	Matches	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Avg	C.	St.
H. Gadsby.....	6	4	1	203	100*	67.67	2	
R. De Coteau	6	6	1	250	97*	50.00	2	
B. Birtles	4	4	0	194	100	48.50	1	
A. Sathya.....	12	10	3	306	80	43.71	3	
O. Wood.....	23	18	5	604	101	43.14	9	
H. Nadir.....	5	5	0	187	70	37.40	2	
A. Drew.....	4	4	0	132	119	33.00	3	
N. Malik	22	18	3	436	85	29.07	5	
S. Eyre.....	7	7	1	172	58	28.67	3	
I. Khan.....	22	18	3	319	58	21.27	3	
S. Bowry.....	12	8	2	113	43	18.83	1	
N. Saeed	26	14	3	179	32	16.27	13	
P. Pearce.....	3	3	0	44	28	14.67	3	
J. Andrews.....	13	6	2	58	26	14.50	2	
A.G. Wood	21	12	1	120	51*	10.91	8	
I. Valibhoy	3	3	0	30	23	10.00		
K. Balasubramaniam	8	7	1	27	17	4.50	8	3

The following Members also played. G.S.Starost (7*,62), B.Wakeford (27,35*), A.Smith (10,56,56*,2c), R,Sehmi (47*,28,2,32*^t), A.Leat (41), T.M.Sims (4*,0*,0*,12*,22*,6,15,3c), N.Wood (8,50), E.Ince (22,10), A.Pervaiz (3,23,1c), D.Boothroyd (2xdnb,5*,6,,3c), T.Pegler (6,8*,7,3c), S.Baxter (18,1,2c), P.S.Arnould (7xdnb,13*,2,16), J.B.Richardson (4), L.Dugdald (4), T.R.G.Mason (4,2), A.Khan (dnb,2,1c), P.A.B.Beecroft (1), I.Chakrabarti (2,0,1c), B. Bell (0), R.J.F.Tierney (0), W.Lewis (0), T.Gadsby (0,0), I.Kronic (14*,2*), *C.Clarke (20), *T.Newell (8), *M.Jackson (8).

BOWLING AVERAGES OF MEMBERS

(QUALIFICATION: 5 WICKETS)

	Overs	M'dns	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
A. Drew.....	16	1	108	7	15.43
D. Boothroyd.....	39.2	3	176	11	16.00
S.Bowry.....	18.3	1	118	7	16.86
O.Wood.....	125	17	560	29	19.31
P.S. Arnould.....	43	5	197	10	19.70
I.Khan.....	130.3	16	619	31	19.97
N.Saeed	67	7	336	16	21.00
N.Malik	75.3	4	377	17	22.18
A.G. Wood	86.2	8	478	16	28.21
A. Sathya.....	43	2	223	5	44.60

Also bowled. R.Sehmi (2-1-5-2), I. Kronic (11-5-35-3), B.Wakeford (4-1-16-1),H.Nadir (10-1-57-3), T.M. Sims (2-0-22-1), E. Ince (6-1-23-1), B Birtles (16-1-93-2), S. Eyre (23-8-77-3), A. Khan (14-2-53-2), H. Gadsby (19-1-95-3), B. Bell (8-0-32-1), R.J.F. Tierney (4.5-0-33-1), T. Pegler (34-7-145-4), J.B. Richardson (5-0-41-1), J. Andrews (15.4-0-110-2), *C. Creighton (10-0-40-0), T.R.G. Mason (5-0-43-0), G.S. Starost (3-0-29-0), *M. Jackson (13-0-43-3), *T. Newell (9-3-32-2).

BATTING AVERAGES OF CANDIDATES

WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED MEMBERS

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

F. Harris	9	9	1	424	102	53.00	2	1
J. Lockwood	4	4	0	176	77	44.00	2	
J. Rees-Davies	6	3	2	22	21	22.00		
R. Suri	4	4	0	71	29	17.75	2	
M. Walton	10	9	2	123	41	17.57	5	3
H. Rogers	5	5	1	59	30*	14.75		
M. Rosson*	2	2	0	9	9	4.50	2	
K. Sachdeva*	1	1	1	4	4*			

BOWLING AVERAGES OF CANDIDATES

WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED MEMBERS

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wickets	Average
K. Sachdeva*	7	1	27	4	6.75
F. Harris	10	1	24	3	8.00
M. Walton	7	0	33	1	33.00
J. Rees-Davies	20	0	133	4	33.25
M. Rosson*	14	2	55	1	55.00
H. Rogers	26	4	127	2	63.50

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

NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES

BATTING

#A. Algaonkar	151*	v Hampshire Hogs
#B. West	119 ret	v Maidenhead & Bray
A. Drew	119	v Malmesbury
*F. Harris.....	102	v Trowbridge
F. Harris.....	101	v Exmouth
O. Wood	101*	v Ottery St Mary
H. Gadsby	100*	v Tipton St. John
B.. Birtles.....	100	v Western Province
R. De Coteau	97*	v Darjeeling CC
#I. Ahmed.....	96	v Trowbridge
O. Wood	91	v Chiswick
R. De Coteau	91	v Bedi Cricket Academy
#C. Bains	89*	v Kew
N. Malik.....	85	v Tipton St. John
*F. Harris.....	80	v Wiltshire Queries
A. Sathya	80	v Bedi Cricket Academy
N. Malik.....	78	v Tiffin Tercels
*J. Lockwood	77	v Kew
N. Malik.....	76	v Bedi Cricket Academy
#T. Malik.....	75	v I Zingari
*H. Rogers.....	64	v Kew
G.S. Starost.....	62	v Bedi Cricket Academy
A. Sathya	61	v Tiffin School
H. Nadir.....	60	v Guards
S. Eyre	58	v Adastrians
O. Wood	58	v Honiton
*F. Harris.....	58	v Honiton
I. Khan.....	58	v Mercedes Enterprise
*F Harris.....	57	v Malmesbury
A. Smith.....	56*	v Free Foresters
A. Smith.....	56	v I Zingari
I. Khan.....	54	v Honiton
O. Wood	53*	v Tiffin Tercels
A. Wood	51*	v Exmouth
O. Wood	51*	v Hampshire Hogs
N. Wood	50	v Western Province

BOWLING

N. Malik.....	6 for 13	v Oxford University Authentics
D. Boothroyd	6 for 55	v Hampshire Hogs
O.Wood.....	5 for 36	v Cambridge University Crusaders
I. Khan.....	4 for 8	v Abu Dhabi Gents
I. Khan.....	4 for 10	v Maidenhead & Bray
P.S. Arnould	4 for 10	v Darjeeling CC
S. Bowry.....	4 for 20	v Guards
O. Wood	4 for 20	v Sharjah Legends
*K. Sachdeva.....	4 for 27	v Kew
*J. Rees-Davies	4 for 31	v Sharjah Legends
N. Saeed.....	4 for 59	v Malmesbury
A. Drew	4 for 60	v Uplyme & Lyme Regis

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.