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### **INCOGNITI CRICKET CLUB**

Founded 1861

President : A.G. Wood

#### COMMITTEE

T.M. Sims (Hon. Secretary/Membership) I. Valibhoy (Hon. Treasurer) B. Wakeford (Hon. Fixtures Secretary) Tba. (Hon. Cricket Secretary) P. N. Wiseman (Hon. Keeper of the Scores & Averages & Minutes) T. Wakeford R.J.F. Tierney N. Saeed.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

P.J. West M.E.C. Comer G.P. Bond

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT 2021 SEASON (160<sup>th</sup> Season)

I am delighted and privileged to introduce myself as the new incoming President of Incogniti Cricket Club voted in by the Committee succeeding Nick Gibbs.

As you know from last year's booklet, Nick confirmed 2021 would be his last year as President and he would be stepping down from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. What a wonderful clubman, person, friend, player and of course President Nick has been over his last 15 years in the role and prior to that as Honorary Secretary, and player for many more seasons. Nick was elected to Incogniti in 1965 and has spent 56 years of his life with Incogniti in one capacity or another and, I suspect knowing Nick, he will continue to represent the Club's interests wholeheartedly outside his Presidential role. Words cannot express how grateful the Club, its Officers and members are to him for his involvement, support and guidance over that period of time. We all wish him and Madeline the very best for the future and hopefully time together to enjoy a few more "light lunches" at the cricket in 2022.

Another newcomer like myself has been Tim Sims as the newly elected Honorary Secretary taking over from Tom Wakeford at this year's AGM. Tim has taken to the task of keeping the Club moving forward with great enthusiasm and organisation and I can see Tim has all the attributes to keep the Club moving forward with a very positive attitude and progressive outlook.

As always, my thanks to all the other Officers of the Club for their contributions. Special mention if I may single out a couple of names are to Ben Wakeford who has been able to work remotely from Poland and still organise all the fixtures and Naveed Saeed in bringing together what looks to be a very appealing tour to Dubai and Sri Lanka in October 2022 alongside his other match management and playing duties for the club.

On the playing front, my thanks to all the Match Managers and Club officials who have stood either as umpires and scorers. All roles are vital to the Club's wellbeing which looks to be in good health.

On a final note, I am pleased to say I have seen in matches wonderful young cricketing talent coming through nurtured by senior cricketers and the recent initiative by Nick to help fund these younger cricketers in matches through the Oliver Battcock Fund is one to be applauded and continued. A solid youth policy based upon diversity and inclusion is one which will bear fruit for the Club and sustain its long-term future.

I wish you all a happy and successful cricket season in 2022.

Tony Wood President.

#### Honorary Secretary's Report 2021

I was delighted to be elected Honorary Secretary in March, and as I sit here reflecting on the progress of the Club last year, I feel immensely proud of what the Club managed to achieve thanks to the contribution and participation of so many people, both on and off the field. The Club managed to regroup after a Covid-decimated 2020 season, and we had to continue to adjust to the impacts of Covid throughout the season – fixtures and tours being cancelled or re-arranged, players and Match Managers becoming unavailable at the last minute as they needed to isolate, and Committee members having to get accustomed to Zoom meetings!!

Nonetheless, we were able to publish a new Club Constitution, appoint a number of new Match Managers, progress with a youth policy to attract new young cricketers from diverse backgrounds and introduce them to the joys of playing wandering cricket, developed our social media platforms, and, most importantly, completed twenty-four fixtures.

Some of the highlights of the playing season included wins against Cross Arrows and the Royal Navy, playing at Fenners for the first time, being able to field two strong sides on the same day, participating in some wonderful new fixtures – most notably Gemini at Sunningdale School and Kew Cricket Club where we have made some new friends – completing two wonderful tours to Wiltshire and Devon (a massive thank you to Jon Andrews and Tony Wood for arranging these), as well as seeing some strong personal performances from both senior players (e.g. Wes Lewis's century in 30 degree heat at Chiswick) and younger players alike (e.g. Alvin Sathya's four wickets for five runs on debut at the age of 15 against Gemini).

I would like to thank all the other Committee Members and Match Managers for their continued support and I must personally express my gratitude to Sunny Bowry and Nav Saeed for helping to get a number of sides out at short notice, as well as their support in recruiting and mentoring a number of young players. I would also like to recognise the work done behind the scenes – Ben Wakeford for organizing our fixtures, Imran Valibhoy for fixing our finances, Tom Wakeford for looking after our website, the list of members and managing the supply and distribution of our kit, and Peter Wiseman for producing this booklet and keeping the scores and averages in good order. I am delighted to report that Peter was appointed a Life Member in October for his contribution to the Club. It appears that 2022 is going to be another exciting year as we continue to develop our fixture at the RAF ground against Adastrians and, Covid permitting, touring to Dubai and Sri Lanka. I would just urge players to engage early with Match Managers and to continue to actively bring new playing talent into the Club. Please can I also ask all members to take time to read the insert detailing the Oliver Battcock fund which was established to help support young players. If you feel you can contribute in any way, the Club would be most grateful.

Lastly, I must thank Nick Gibbs, who has stepped down as President, for his wonderful stewardship of the Club over the past 15 years and welcome our new President, Tony Wood, who I know will bring his enthusiasm for Incogniti and love of the game to the role.

Tim Sims Honorary Secretary Incogniti Cricket Club

#### A potted History of the Incogniti

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

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



Bass was a prodigious wicket taker in the first 20 years

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

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

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

#### **Claire Whickman, Club Archivist**



This is the story of the Incogniti Cricket Club, starting with eleven men, some if not all, recently having finished their schooling at Godolphin, Hammersmith, in a match on  $25^{th}$  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 <a href="mailto:gwhickman@btinternet.com">gwhickman@btinternet.com</a>

#### **RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED**

## Won (8)

Jesus College Royal Navy Beckenham Trowbridge Cross Arrows Honiton Ottery St. Mary Exmouth

#### Lost (10)

Gemini Hampshire Hogs Kew Oratory School Wiltshire Queries I Zingari Uplyme & Lyme Regis Free Foresters H.A.C. Highgate

#### Drawn (6)

Tiffin School (A) Tiffin Tercels Maidenhead & Bray Chiswick Malmesbury (A) Dulwich College

### No Play (13)

## Total Matches Played 2021 24

#### Matches Played 1861 - 2021

Total 7997 Won 2920 Lost 2384 Drawn 2656 Tied 19

#### Notes.

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

## **OBITUARY**

## G.P. BOND



The Club was sad to hear of the sudden and unexpected passing of Geoff Bond who died on the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

He was elected a member in 1969 and was much in demand, particularly for the Club's key fixtures and became a regular and most popular tourist, both in the U.K. and overseas, contributing hugely both on and off the field.

Geoff always respected the best traditions of 'wandering' cricket and was prepared to travel long distances on a Sunday morning, probably with a hangover, if he was assured of good cricket, a good lunch and fine wines – Gore Court in Sittingbourne was a fine example. Preparing for lunch with a beer or two, followed perhaps by a Bordeaux from the right bank and the odd port to conclude.

A stickler for the Laws, he insisted that the replacement ball was not wet enough on a rainy day against Old Johnians at Leatherhead and despatched the umpire, Eric Beagley, to flush the new ball down the club lavatory in order to replicate the previous condition! The game then continued.

His tenure as the Club's Treasurer of 25 years is probably unsurpassed and we should also remember his dexterity with Microsoft Access with which he designed, built and maintained the Club's membership database which operated for many years.

After and during his cricketing days as a low single-figure golfer, he was a much-valued member of the Incogniti Golfing Society – indeed, over many years, he was considered to be the best player

We have lost a fine cricketer, golfer and also a fine magician as a member of the Magic Circle. He was superb company and refused to let his long-standing illness get in the way of his love for sport and life, and he will be missed enormously by his many cricketing and golfing friends.

He is survived by his wife Julie, his son Alexander, and daughter Sarah-Jane.

Nick Gibbs

## Major Reginald Oscar Schwarz M.C.

4<sup>th</sup> May 1875 – 18<sup>th</sup> November 1918.





'Reggie' Schwarz who appears on the Incogniti memorial board at Lord's, achieved cricketing fame after emigrating to South Africa in 1902. For his adopted country, he played 20 Test matches as a leg-spinner, the googly having been taught him by the legendary B.J.T. Bosanquet.

He was born in Lee, South London, to a merchant from Breslau and the family home was Bagshot in Surrey. Educated at St. Paul's School in Hammersmith, Schwarz went on to a university education at Christ's College, Cambridge in 1893. Although he was better known as a cricketer, he failed to win a cricket Blue but managed one for rugby which led to three caps for England in 1899 and another two in 1901. At club level he played for Richmond and was also invited to represent the Barbarians.

Before his emigration, Schwarz played a few games for Middlesex in 1901 – 02 before returning with the South African team of 1904, being one of a quartet of leg-spinners and googly bowlers, three of them having been taught the 'black art' by Schwarz himself! After taking 137 wickets at 11.70 in 1907, he was named as one of Wisden's Cricketers of the Year in 1908. He played only a handful of games after retiring in 1912, ending with a career record of 398 wickets at 17.58 with 55 in Test matches at 22.60 and scored one first-class century.

When the Great War broke out in 1914, Schwarz enlisted straight away and, after seeing action in the German South-West African campaign, served as a Major in the King's Royal Rifle Corps on the Western Front where he was Mentioned in Despatches and awarded the Military Cross. Although he was wounded on a couple of occasions, he survived the war before unfortunately falling victim in Etaples to the Spanish 'Flu pandemic in 1918, a mere seven days after the Armistice had been signed.

Claire Whickman's excellent history of the Club describes Schwarz as 'a man of exceptional charm and self-effacement. He is one of the few Incogs to have made a double century and was a Committee Member in 1900 - 02 and 1912 - 14.



#### 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 it's 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  $\pounds$ 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

#### OLIVER GORDON BATTCOCK 1903-1970.

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

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

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

He was a medium-paced swing bowler who played for Buckinghamshire between 1925 and 1939, and after the war from 1946-51 making 115 appearances in all. When the Australian touring party played a 2-day game at Eton College, they described him as one of the best swing bowlers they had met on tour. He took 12 wickets in the match and was undoubtedly much sharper than in his later years. He was essentially an outswing bowler with the occasional off-cutter which was rather telegraphed by his clearly wrapping his fingers around the ball. A competent lower-order left-hand bat, he would normally field at mid-on, the boot being used as much as his hands when fielding in his later years! Playing into his sixties, Oliver took 100 wickets for both Datchet and the Incogs in his 60<sup>th</sup> year – some bowler!

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

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

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



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

Oliver led such a full and busy life and met so many people on the cricket field and in the theatre, that it was impossible for him to remember all their named. 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 GEMINI C.C.

This was the inaugural fixture between the two clubs. The venue at Sunningdale School - where Gemini was founded over 80 years ago by the then Headmaster and Assistant Head Master, Nick and Tim Dawson who were identical twins - was wonderful and the hospitality offered to us throughout the day was second to none. The temperature for early May was perfect for cricket and the sun shone all day.

Incogs won the toss and elected to bowl, taking the field with four young candidates who all proved themselves to be good cricketers and enjoyed the ethos of how Incogs like to play our cricket.

Gemini proved to be a very capable all round team, and their early batting line up played well against some good medium fast bowling by candidates A..Khan and J. Rees-Davies - both of whom finished the day with 2 wickets piece. After 29 overs Gemini were 139 for 4. Then an inspired bowling change was made by captain Sunny Bowry and Alvin Sathya (a 15-year old candidate) was brought on to bowl some really quick and lively inswing bowling. After a further eight overs Gemini were all out for 174 and Sathya finished with an astonishing set of figures of 5 overs, 3 maidens, 5 wickets for 4 runs. Five out of the last 6 Gemini batsmen were out for nought. The champagne moment however probably has to go to Sunny Bowry for taking a splendid slip catch off A Sathya taking the ball with two hands as it whizzed past his right ear standing 20 yards back. Roll back the years.

The Gemini bowling attack was strong and were able to take full advantage of a true seamer's wicket. Some fine seam bowling along with some very good catching in the slip and gully cordon meant the Incogniti could only muster 70 runs before being all dismissed. Only two Incogniti batsmen got into double figures with J Rees-Davies finishing on 21 not out.

A disappointing batting performance on the day but overall a most enjoyable day, supplemented by some warm words of welcome made by Tim Dawson, Gemini's President and co-founder, a response of thanks from Tim Sims – Incogs' Hon. Sec., a delicious lunch served in the Headmaster's garden and liquid refreshment being provided at lunch and after the game.

We look forward to returning next year.

#### **Tim Sims**



Incogs v. Gemini

Played at Sunningdale School on 2nd May 2021:-

GEMINI C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.	
Wingfield-Digby LBW b Sathya	45	#M.Williams c & b Spear	5
H.Cooke b Rees-Davies	27	A.Pervaiz c Wilson b Leon	7
A.Leon LBW b Malik	27	N.Saeed c & b Spear	2
C.Sutton LBW b Sathya	3	*A.Sathya c W-Digby b Spear	2
A.Leschalles c Wiiliams b Rees-Davie	es 28	R.Sehmi c Leschalles b Leon	1
P.Radcliffe LBW b Sathya	0	S.Malik LBW b Wilson	7
H.Buxton c Williams b Sathya	0	*J.Rees-Davies Not Out	21
R.Postgate LBW b Sathya	0	I.Khan c Sutton b Buxton	1
G.S.Wilson c Bowry b A.Khan	6	S.Bowry b Buxton	13
H.Spear b A.Khan	0	*A.Khan b Buxton	0
T.Dawson Not Out	0	T.M.Sims b Buxton	0
Extras	38	Extras	11
Total	174	Total	70

Bowling :\*A.Khan 9-2-36-2; \*Rees-Davies 10.4-1-44-2; I.Khan 5-0-29-0; Malik 8-1-30-1; \*Sathya 5-3-4-5.

#### **RESULT : LOST BY 104 RUNS**

### **INCOGNITI C.C. v TIFFIN SCHOOL**

Played at Grist's on 5th May 2021:-

TIFFIN SCHOOL

#### INCOGNITI C.C.

61	A.Leat Not Out	3
1	N.Wood Not Out	
8	P.Lyes DNB	
42	*A.Sathya DNB	
4	B.Bell DNB	
0	N.Saeed DNB	
	W.Lewis DNB	
	S.Bowry DNB	
	*J.Rees-Davies DNB	
	*A.Khan DNB	
	T.M.Sims DNB	
18	Extras	1
144	Total	4
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Bowling :\*Rees-Davies 4-0-39-0; \*Khan 4-0-28-0; Bell 4-0-30-1; Bowry 2-0-23-0; Saeed 2-0-8-0.

#### **RESULT : MATCH ABANDONED**

#### **INCOGNITI C.C. v OLD LEIGHTONIANS**

16th May 2021. Match cancelled.

#### **INCOGNITI C.C. v MILL HILL SCHOOL**

19<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Match cancelled.

#### INCOGNITI C.C. v JESUS COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE C.C.

We were delighted to be invited to play against Jesus College this year at Fenners - the home of Cambridge University Cricket. The weather had been appalling over the previous week, so we were encouraged when the Fenners ground staff informed us on the day before the fixture that the ground would be fit to play on.

We arrived at Fenners in the rain!! Luckily the rain stopped in time for a prompt start, and thanks to the ground staff we were able to get underway on time. Incogniti won the toss and elected to bat in what were favourable bowling conditions. When Lyse (4) was out bowled in the second over and the score was 5 for 1, the decision looked at risky one. However Gill (34) and Pervaiz (80) steadied the ship, both batting sensibly to take Incogniti to 116 for 2 when Gill was bowled by Green in the 24th over. As often happens, then Pervaiz was bowled by Elabbadi shortly after in the 27th over, but he had batted really well reaching 80 off just 69 balls. Saeed (26) and Bowry (30) were then able to establish a solid partnership, before Bowry was out in the 35th over when the score was on 180 for 4. Four overs later, after a flurry of wickets, Incogs declared on 205 for 8 with every confidence that their bowling attack could take full advantage of the bowling conditions.

After a superb tea of individually packaged meals to conform to Covid requirements, Incogs took the field with a high degree of confidence that we could exploit the bowling conditions. I.Khan and M.Rosson (a new candidate) opened the bowling and both immediately found swing and seam movement. After 7 overs Jesus College had succumbed to 11-4 with I.Khan taking 3-8 off 5 overs. Rosson had also bowled well without much luck (6-24-1). Following a double bowling change, wickets continued to tumble. S Malik bowled some excellent medium pace seam bowling, managing to hit the helmet of A Sengupta while trying to hook, twice in a couple of overs and T.Pegler provided 5 overs of left arm orthodox spin - and spin it did. Jesus College were eventually all out for just 66 in 23.2 overs. Malik finished with 3 for 19 off 5 overs and Pegler with 2 for 9 off 5.2 overs.

The day proved a special occasion - a great win, on an iconic ground, against an extremely hospitable and friendly opposition. It was also amazing that the rain held off for the afternoon to allow us all to enjoy such an occasion.

#### **Tim Sims**

INCOGNITI C.C.		JESUS COLLEGE C.C.	
N.D.Gill b Green	34	N.Rutter c Pervaiz b Khan	5
P.Lyes b Staunton-Sykes	4	S.Stacpoole b Khan	2
A.Pervaiz b Elabbadi	80	J.Douie c & b Rosson	0
N.Saeed c Barnard b Blanchard-Lewis	26	J.Barnard b Khan	0
S.Bowry c Rutter b Elabbadi	30	L.Perera b Malik	23
T.Wakeford c Staunton-Sykes b B-Lew	is80	A.Sengupta b Malik	6
S.Malik Not Out	8	J.Staunton-Sykes Run Out	16
*M.Rosson b Blanchard-Lewis	0	C.Green c Gill b Malik	0
T.Pegler Run Out	4	H.Barrow b Pegler	0
I.Khan Not Out	0	M.Elabbadi b Pegler	4
T.M.Sims DNB		J.Blanchard-Lewis Not Out	0
Extras	11	Extras	10
Total (for 8 wickets)	205	Total	66

Played at Fenners on 23rd May 2021:-

Bowling :Khan 5-2-8-3; \*Rosson 6-1-24-1; Malik 5-0-19-3; Pegler 5.2-3-9-2; Lyes 2-1-2-0.

#### **RESULT : WON BY 139 RUNS**



**Incogs at Fenners** 

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

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Played at Warnford on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021:-INCOGNITI C G C C

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N.Malik c Gabb b I.Low
B.Birtles LBW b O'Connor
*J.Lockwood Run Out
*J.Wood b Wright
E.Waite LBW b R.Norris
N.Wood c Wright b M.Low

P.Pearce c M.Low b I.Low.....

A.G.Wood b I.Low

I.Khan c Wright b S.Norris .....

D.Boothroyd c Wright b S.Norris.....

T.M.Sims Not Out.....

Extras.....

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Total

#### HAMPSHIRE HOGS C.C.

A.Oscroft LBW b Khan12G.O'Connor c J.Wood b N.Wood	A.Knight Run Out	0
G.O'Connor c J.Wood b N.Wood	G.Acheson-Gray b A.G.Wood	23
J.Wright LBW b Malik11I.Low b Khan10S.Norris b Boothroyd14W.Oscroft b Khan19M.Low Not Out1R.Norris Not Out4W.Gabb DNBExtras31	A.Oscroft LBW b Khan	12
I.Low b Khan 10   S.Norris b Boothroyd 14   W.Oscroft b Khan 19   M.Low Not Out 1   R.Norris Not Out 4   W.Gabb DNB 31   Extras 31	G.O'Connor c J.Wood b N.Wood	55
S.Norris b Boothroyd	J.Wright LBW b Malik	11
W.Oscroft b Khan19M.Low Not Out1R.Norris Not Out4W.Gabb DNB5Extras31	I.Low b Khan	10
M.Low Not Out	S.Norris b Boothroyd	14
R.Norris Not Out	W.Oscroft b Khan	19
W.Gabb DNB	M.Low Not Out	1
Extras 31	R.Norris Not Out	4
	W.Gabb DNB	
Total (for 8 wickets) 180	Extras	31
	Total (for 8 wickets)	180

Bowling: Boothroyd 9-3-28-1; Birtles 1.1-0-2-0; Khan 6.5-1-34-3; Malik 15-3-45-1; A.G.Wood 6-0-19-1; N.Wood 9-2-25-1.

#### **RESULT : LOST BY 2 WICKETS**



Action at Warnford

## INCOGNITI C.C v ROYAL HOUSEHOLD C.C.

6<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Match cancelled.

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

Played at Grist's on 13th June 2021

#### INCOGNITI C.C.

#A.Ali ct? b Rana	53
N.Malik ct? b Langrish	8
#I.Richards b Langrish	5
#R.Fernandes ct? b Rana	26
*A.Sathya ct? b Bhatti	8
I.Khan st? b Bhatti	51
N.Saeed b Langrish	37
T.M.Sims b Bhatti	20
*J.Rees-Davies Not Out	6
*A.Khan b Langrish	8
R.J.F.Tierney Not Out	3
Extras	16
Total	241

#### TIFFIN TERCELS C.C.

Total (for 9 wickets)	209
Extras	11
I.Langrish Not Out	0
S.Subesingh LBW b I.Khan	20
K.Bala LBW b Malik	1
B.Bhatti c Sathya b Ali	6
D.Jones Not Out	39
A.Rana Run Out	1
M.Talman c Sathya b Ali	26
Y.Bala b A.Khan	11
V.Samtani Run Out	84
S.Sethi b A. Khan	· ·
S.Krishnan b A.Khan	10

Bowling : \*Rees-Davies 6-2-16-0; \*A.Khan 8-2-25-3; I.Khan 6-0-36-1; Tierney 6-2-29-0; #Ali 7-1-55-2; Malik 6-0-40-1.



#### **RESULT : MATCH DRAWN**

Pleasant surroundings at Grist's for the Tercels match

#### INCOGNITI C. C. v KEW C.C.



Well left!

This was an inaugural fixture between the two clubs and Incogs were very happy to be playing given the downpour of the previous couple of day. Arrival at the ground was a little hectic as players had to navigate to a local prep school to park or find local parking spaces - not that easy around Kew Gardens on a Sunday. Result - a couple of late arrivals, a dented new Audi and a most unwelcome parking ticket!!

Incogs were inserted on what look liked a seamers paradise and the Kew opening bowlers used the facilities well. At 24 for 2 things were looking a little treacherous for Incogs but Imran Khan managed to tame the environment, hitting some magnificent shots on his way to 88, which included six sixes and nine fours, before being caught unsurprisingly in the deep. Khan was ably supported by Jodan Cahir who played with patience and watchfulness before he was out stumped for 44. The innings was in the balance at 114 for 4, and the Balasubramaniam brothers helped to consolidate it, with Yohan playing beautifully for 57 and Kaps accumulating a classy 24. However a rush of wickets toward the end of the innings meant that at 252 all out, Incogs looked 30 to 50 runs short of par.

And so it came to pass. In spite of some good bowling by by all the Incogs bowlers, in particular Jordan Cahir and Imran Khan, and some fine catching, Kew were able to make steady progress toward the Incognit total. Regular wickets fell but J Berg (108 - a guest from Old Hamptonians) and L. Abbott (96 - Kew 1st XI skipper) pushed the Kew score towards the Incogs total. With 8 overs left Kew needed just over 5 an over to win and had lost 5 wickets. J Berg had departed but L Abbott was looking menacing. A gamble was needed and was taken by incogs who brought on S. Bowry to bowl some mystical off spin. Bowry did take the wicket of Abbott, but only after going for 29 in his first over!! The game was lost with 6 overs to spare, with Kew ending on 254 for 6. At least we had more time for a splendid BBQ and a couple of jugs of ale that Kew had kindly laid on for us - we look forward to returning next year.

VEWCC

#### **Tim Sims**

Played at Kew Green on 20th June 2021

#### INCOGNITI C.C.

Total	252	Total (for 6 wickets) 254
Extras	9	Extras 10
T.M.Sims Not Out	2	C.Sorraling DNB
*A.Khan c? b P.Berg	0	T.Singal DNB
R.Sehmi c? b P.Berg	14	A.Hunt DNB
N.Saeed st? b MacDermott	10	P.Berg Not Out
K.Balasubramaniam c? b P.Berg	24	T.Sherlock Not Out 5
Y.Balasubramaniam c? b Sorraling	57	L.Abbott c Malik b Bowry 96
S.Bowry c? Singal	0	I.Sherlock c Cahir b Sehmi 10
#J.Cahir st? b I.Sherlock	44	S.MacDermott c K.Balasubra'm b Cahir 1
#D.Kite b MacDermott	2	S.Stukin c Cahir b A.Khan 2
N.Malik c & b MacDermott	2	M.Joel c & b I.Khan 14
I.Khan c? b MacDermott	88	J.Berg c? b Malik 108
INCOGNITI C.C.		KEW C.C.

Bowling : \*A.Khan 5-0-32-1; I.Khan 10-0-57-1; #Cahir 9-1-39-1; Sehmi 5-0-35-1; Malik 6-0-43-1; S.Bowry 1.4-0-38-1.

#### **RESULT : LOST BY 4 WICKETS**

## INCOGNITI C. C. v ROYAL NAVY C.C.

Due to the ongoing pitch refurbishment at the Navy's regular ground in Portsmouth this classic fixture was moved to the Royal Artillery ground in Larkhill close to Stonehenge. The better than forecast weather, a great wicket and billiard table-like outfield, plus the usual 2-day, 2 innings format allowed for some excellent cricket and the well supported Incogniti team were happy to win the toss and have first use of the wicket.

The early bowling was testing but Harry Gadsby and Sunny Bowry produced a solid opening partnership and set the tone for the day. The more obliging change bowlers were expertly handled by O Shea, Gill, Pearce and Bardon and Incogniti were able to declare shortly before tea having complied 226-7. Imran Khan then made an early breakthrough which was followed by a solid partnership and then, shortly before the close, a late tumble of wickets. The Navy finished day 1 six wickets down and still 70 runs behind with Buscombe on 80\*.

The ensuing jollities were superbly organised by Neil Gill and involved a meal and drinks on the nearby Wilton estate and late bar at the team hotel in Salisbury. It was not a Portsmouth-style late one - which helped the following day's cricket – but a great evening nonetheless.

A little overnight rain had freshened the outfield but the wicket continued to play well and the game continued to progress. Buscombe had only added 2 runs to his overnight score before he was trapped LBW by Khan and despite some late resistance the Navy succumbed for 193, leaving Incogniti with a 1<sup>st</sup> innings lead of 33. Incogniti bowling highlights included Pegler's 4-46, Bardon's 2-31 and Nav Saeed removing the dangerous Navy skipper for a duck.

Stung into action the Navy seamers responded with challenging opening spells and it was very tough going in the pre-lunch period. At one point Incogs were reeling at 19-5 and facing both defeat and an early finish. Green and Gill steadied the ship with a good partnership and the runs began to flow once more in the afternoon sun with the lead increasing almost to 100. With 9 wickets down a good game was in prospect but Incogniti were second favourites. An hour later following a superb 86 run partnership between O Shea (the star of the first innings) and last man Pegler (not previously the batting star of any innings) the game was firmly swinging the Incogs way.

A second declaration left the Navy a daunting 212 to win in 44 overs. The Navy scored rapidly throughout but also lost regular wickets. They battled well and took the game all the way to 6pm before being bowled out 33 runs short with just 4 overs remaining. Pegler bowled his second extended spell of the match and finished with a remarkable 6-49, Khan made 2 early breakthroughs and Malik took 2 crucial late wickets. A really good game of cricket, enjoyed by all participants plus the distinguished non-playing Incogs who came along to support.

Tommy Pegler's 10 wickets in the match plus his career best 32\* with the bat earnt him the player of the match award. Candidate Alan O'Shea made fifties in both innings and there were notable contributions throughout the team.

Many thanks to Tom Wakeford (hotel arrangements, teas and bell ringing), Giles Smith and Gordon Whickman our umpires, plus all the supporters: 2 x Sims, 2 x Gibbs, 4 x Wakefords, 2 x Moss'. \*Fun fact: in the first innings both teams made 193 runs off the bat. However, the Navy conceded 33 extras compared to none by the Incogs ensuring a first innings lead of 33. In the second innings both teams made 179 runs meaning the margin of victory (33 runs) was equal to the number of extras the Navy conceded in the first innings. Good basics Incogs!

Jim Green

Played at Larkhill on 24th-25th June 2021

INCOGNITI C.C. – 1 <sup>st</sup> Inns.		ROYAL NAVY C.C1st Inns.
H.Gadsby c Ball b Parker	24	K.Sakhamuri LBW b Khan 8
S.Bowry c Parker b Cullen	12	S.Helps c Green b Pegler
#A.O'Shea c Buscombe b Fountain	61	L.Buscombe c Pearce b Bardon
N.D.Gill b Fountain	29	J.Cullen b Pegler 6
P.Pearce c Griffith b Parker	21	M.Ball c Bardon b Pegler 0
S.Bardon b Parker	41	J.Parker b Saeed 0
I.Khan Run Out	4	P.Moore c & b Pegler 25
J.Green Not Out	1	P.Scullard b Bardon 10
N.Malik DNB		A.Griffith Not Out 18
N.Saeed DNB		C.Fountain c Pearce b Malik 13
T.Pegler DNB		T.Gadsby Run Out 1
Extras	33	Extras 0
Total (For 7 wkts declared)	226	Total 193

Bowling : Khan 6.4-0-23-1; Bardon 13-2-31-2; Malik 9-0-37-1; Pegler 16-3-46-4; Saeed 6-0-23-1; Bowry 2-0-20-0; Gadsby 3-0-13-0.

INCOGNITI C.C. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns.		ROYAL NAVY C.C2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns.	
N.Saeed b Fountain	0	K.Sakhamuri LBW b Pegler	45
N.Malik b Fountain	7	S.Helps c Bardon b Khan	0
H.Gadsby c & b Fountain	7	L.Buscombe LBW b Khan	13
I.Khan b Parker	1	J.Cullen c Pearce b Pegler	7
J.Green c Bali b Sakhamuri	18	M.Bali c Bardon b Pegler	28
S.Bowry b Parker	4	J.Parker c O'Shea b Pegler	36
N.D.Gill LBW b Sakhamuri	29	P.Moore c Bardon b Pegler	9
P.Pearce LBW b Sakhamuri	6	P.Scullard b Malik	0
S.Bardon b Bali	16	A.Griffith b Malik	0
#A.O'Shea Not Out	54	C.Fountain Not Out	33
T.Pegler Not Out	32	T.Gadsby c Pearce b Pegler	0
Extras	5	Extras	8
Total (For 9 wkts declared)	179	Total 17	79

Bowling : Khan 8-2-37-2; Bardon 4-0-26-0; Pegler 17.4-4-49-6; Gadsby 5-1-37-0; Malik 6-0-23-2.

## RESULT : WON BY 28 RUNS



Runs for the Navy at Larkhill, home of the Royal Artillery.

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

ORATORY SCHOOL C.C.

Played at Oratory School on 29th June 2021:-

#### INCOGNITI C.C.

43
43
12
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Bowling: \*Khan 4-0-24-0; \*Sathya 4-0-25-0; Tierney 3-0-14-1; Wood 2-0-13-0; Bell 2-0-19-0; Saeed 1-0-4-0; #Clayton 0.4-0-4-0.

#### **RESULT : LOST BY 9 WICKETS**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v DULWICH COLLEGE C.C.

Played at Dulwich College on 1st July 2021:-

DULWICH COLLEGE		INCOGNITI C.C.
J.Reisser-Weston b A.Khan	15	I.Chakrabati c? b Emler9
F.Johnston b Choudry	5	B.Birtles c? b Broadley0
M.Ossman c Sims b A.Khan	43	N.D.Gill c? b Broadley2
O.Creasey c Hulme b A.Khan	9	#B.Choudry LBW b Kemp19
J.Emler b I.Khan	0	E.Hulme LBW b Kemp 14
J.Lane c Chakrabati b Choudry	27	#I.Tahir b Kemp4
T.Howells c A.Khan b Tahir	11	*A.Khan LBW b Kemp0
W.Champion Not Out	22	I.Khan c? b Broadley63
J.Smith b Tahir	12	S.Bowry Not Out
M.Broadley c Sims b Tahir	2	N.Malik Not Out0
T.Kemp b Malik	6	T.M.Sims DNB
Extras	17	Extras5
Total	169	Total (for 9 wickets)156

Bowling: \*A.Khan 17-6-43-3; I.Khan 11-3-24-1; #Choudry 9-1-26-2; Malik 10-1-39-1; #Tahir 6.3-0-29-3.

#### **RESULT : MATCH DRAWN**

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

Played at Maidenhead & Bray C.C. on 4th July 2021:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		MAIDENHEAD & BRAY C.C.
A.G.Wood b Apparoo	7	S.Manchande c? b Cahir62
N.Malik St? b Butler	27	K.Vaja b Sehmi
#S.Mughal LBW b Apparoo	5	B.Ward LBW b Cahir
#J.Cahir b Allen	27	J.Benawra c? b Saeed18
#A.Anurag st? b Butler	33	S.Manchande b Wood15
S.Bowry c? b Manchande	25	A.Apparoo c? b Cahir7
#S.Ellis c? b Armstrong	7	A.Moorthy b Ellis1
#I.Ali c? b Manchande	0	T.Allen Not Out2
R.Sehmi c? b Armstrong	8	G.Chatergee Not Out0
I.Khan Not Out	17	C.Butler DNB
N.Saeed b Armstrong	2	M.Armstrong DNB
Extras	12	Extras
Total	170	Total (for 7 wickets)148

Bowling:#Ellis 7-2-21-1; Sehmi 7-0-22-1; #Cahir 13-1-44-3; Khan 3-0-17-0; Saeed 3-0-20-1; Wood 2-0-10-1.

#### **RESULT : MATCH DRAWN**

## INCOGNITI C.C v GRANNIES C.C.

11<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Match cancelled.

## INCOGNITI C.C. v BECKENHAM C.C.

Played at Foxgrove on 20th July 2021:-

In spite of late forced changes to the team due to Covid, we were able to field a strong side and were all thoroughly looking forward to our visit to Beckenham. We were not disappointed by the cricket or the fantastic hospitality. It was the hottest day of the year so far - 33c - and it was not a day to lose the toss. We lost the toss and were asked to field. We were also treated to a wonderfully hot curry for lunch!!

Incogs made a good start with fine spells of fast bowling by Alvin Sathya and Afsar Khan, and thanks to two sharp catches behind the wicket by Sunny Bowry and Tim Sims, Beckenham found themselves at 38 for 2 in the fifth over. The Beckenham ship was steadied by a fine innings from H. Jones (65) and further cameos from three further Beckenham batsmen who got into the mid-twenties. The Beckenham innings progressed slowly against some fine Incogs bowling. Ben Bell (2-59) bowled some wonderful leg spin bowling interspersed with some masterful googlies, 15-year old Finley Wiltshire delivered some lovely inswing bowling, and Jamie Wood (2-24) bemused us all by bowling both right and left arm deliveries! Beckenham finally declared after 53 overs at 213 for 8 and allowed Incogniti players to head for the cold showers.

The Incogs' innings started well with Nick Wood and Ali Perviaz opening the innings, but as a thunderstorm interrupted play in the thirteenth over, Incogs found themselves at 55 for 2, with Nick Wood on 32 and Jamie Wood on 2. Play was delayed by 50 minutes, so Incogs were set a revised target of 191, which meant we needed to chase 135 off the last 20 overs. Nick Wood (89 n.o.) and Jamie Wood (46) broke the back of the chase but it still needed a forceful innings by Ed Waite (16) to get Incogs close to victory. Incogs needed 4 to win off the last over with Sunny Bowry facing the first ball of the last over. On the fourth ball Bowry was out, with Incogs still needing 4 to win!!

Eighteen-year old Afsar Khan was left with the responsibility of hitting the winning runs, with Nick Wood on 89 at the non-strikers end. The fifth ball of the over went directly to the wicket-keeper for a

dot ball. Four to win off the last ball - it was all getting very exciting. The last ball of the over was struck magnificently to the mid-wicket boundary and Incogs were able to record an excellent four wicket victory.

Both teams had had a wonderful day's cricket, and both skippers must be congratulated for facilitating a great game of cricket.

#### **Tim Sims**

BECKENHAM C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
G.Roberts c Bowry b Sathya	1	A.Pervaiz b J.Jones10
R.Piller c Sims b Khan	9	N.Wood Not Out
H.Jones c Pervaiz b Bell	65	*A.Sathya b J.Jones9
R.Kumar c J.Wood b Khan	7	*J.Wood st Roberts b Taylor 46
W.Engel LBW b N.Wood	25	N.Malik c Ronay b Sanders0
S.Coulson LBW b J.Wood	20	E.Waite LBW b Taylor16
F.Whiteland c Pervaiz b J.Wood	6	S.Bowry b Taylor 4
J.Jones st Sims b Bell	19	*A.Khan Not Out4
L.Sanders Not Out	8	#F.Wiltshire DNB
A.Taylor Not Out	23	B.Bell DNB
J.Ronay DNB		T.M.Sims DNB
Extras	30	Extras
Total (for 8 wickets)	213	Total (for 6 wickets)191

Bowling:\*Khan 11-2-46-2; \*Sathya 7-1-23-1; #Wiltshire 6-0-22-0; Bell 16-1-59-2; N.Wood 5-1-12-1; \*J.Wood 6-1-24-2; Bowry 2-0-11-0.

#### **RESULT : WON BY 4 WICKETS**

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

25th July 2021. Match cancelled.

## **MID-WEST TOUR**

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



Played at Tidworth on 3rd August 2021:-

## WILTSHIRE QUERIES C.C.

J.Kelly b Sathya	12
J.Haywood c Sims b Sathya	4
D.Gill b A.G.Wood	48
J.Hodder c Saeed b Malik	33
S.Surendran Not Out	63
G.Elliott c Sathya b Chintakuri	48
G.Lishman Not Out	16
O.Illingworth DNB	
S.Wates DNB	
S.Campbell DNB	
N.MacGregor DNB	
Extras	25
Total (for 5 wickets)	249

INCOGNITI C.C.
#K.Sakhamuri LBW b Illingwoth8
#F.Harris Hit wkt b MacGregor71
*A.Sathya c Elliott b Wates12
O.Wood c Hodder b Wates11
#C.Chintakuri c Illingworth b Surendran10
N.Saeed LBW b Surendran4
N.Malik c Surendran b MacGregor2
S.Bowry LBW b Surendran
A.G.Wood c Illingworth b MacGregor. 12
J.Andrews c Surendran b Kelly0
T.M.Sims Not Out4
Extras13
Total167

Bowling:\*Sathya 11-4-34-2;#Chintakuri 11-1-45-1; Malik 13-1-82-1; Saeed 6-0-34-0;A.G.Wood 5-1-20-1; Bowry 4-0-23-0.



#### **RESULT : LOST BY 82 RUNS**



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

Played at Trowbridge on 4th August 2021:-

## INCOGNITI C.C.

N.Malik c Carroll b Oakley	2
#F.Harris c Hurley b Oakley	41
A.McAvan b Oakley	0
S.Bowry c Hurley b Brown	71
O.Wood b Brown	69
#K.Sakhamuri c Julyan b Brown	18
T.M.Sims Not Out	21
#C.Chintakuri c Bolton b Hurley	1
*A.Sathya c Julyan b John	1
J.Andrews b John	0
N.Saeed DNB	
Extras	48
Total (for 9 wickets)	272

#### TROWBRIDGE C.C.

Total	210
Extras	15
N.Hanny Not Out	1
T.Oakley c Sakhamuri b Malik	24
R.Hurst b Bowry	3
A.Bolton LBW b Malik	
A.Cole b Chintakuri	0
R.Salter c McAvan b Chintakuri	
D.John c & b Chintakuri	
O.Brown c & b McAvan	
J.Hurley c Harris b McAvan	
S.Julyan c Harris b McAvan	
J.Carroll b Sathya	10
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Bowling:Malik 12.4-4-40-2; \*Sathya 7-0-28-1; McAvan 11-1-62-3; #Chintakuri 10-2-51-3; Bowry 4-0-28-1.

#### **RESULT : WON BY 62 RUNS**



Post-match supper!

## INCOGNITI C.C. v MALMESBURY C.C.

Played at Malmesbury C.C. on 5th August 2021:-

INCOGNITI C.C.	
N.Saeed b Brown	9
#F.Harris b Cogbill	34
#C.Chintakuri b Gaunt	21
S.Baxter b Gaunt	6
*A.Sathya Not Out	4
S.Bowry Not Out	10
A.G.Wood DNB	
A.McAvan DNB	
I.Robinson DNB	
T.M.Sims DNB	
Extras	24
Total (for 5 wickets)	109

MALMESBURY C.C.

Extras ..... Total .....

Bowling:

## **RESULT : MATCH ABANDONED**



Il pleut!

## INCOGNITI C.C v CRYPTICS C.C.

8<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Match cancelled.

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

Berkhamsted Cricket Club proved to be a most suitable alternative for hosting this fixture which we would normally play on the Nursery Ground at Lord's. The ground was a picture, the wicket was well prepared to serve both batsman and bowler, and the hospitality from the staff at the club was exceptional. Even the sun was shining. Everything was set for a good day's cricket, and that is what we had.

Cross Arrows won the toss and elected to have a 'cheeky' bat, which suited Incogs but for the fact that our two opening bowlers had gone to Little Berkhamsted - the other side of the county!! Nonetheless, Imran Khan and Ben Birtles were on hand to take on the mantle of opening the bowling, and luckily we had a twelfth man on hand to take on fielding duties for the first 90 minutes of the game. Khan ((1-25) bowled some fine and accurate swing bowling and Birtles (2-46) bowled with pace using the Berkhamsted slope well. Cross Arrows lost wickets regular early intervals and found themselves 44 for 3 off the first 10 overs. On arrival, A Khan (1-22) and A Sathya (2-40) took over bowling duties and were able to keep things tight with the help of N Malik. At 30 overs cross Arrows were 110 for 6, but Currie (72 not out) and Hogben (33 not out) were able to steady the CrossAarrows ship and eventually they declared after 44 overs on 179; a very sporting declaration.

Having lost N.Wood when the score was 21, Incogs seemed to set a winning course as A Leat (36) and R Sehmi (47) both batted with skill and style, and were well supported by Kaps (36). Leat fell at 96 and Sehmi at 138 - all was going well. The next three wickets fell at 146, 148 and 148 and there was a flurry of activity in the Incogs dressing room. We couldn't be plucking defeat out of the jaws of victory, could we? Mercifully, N Malik (17 not out) was able to use his experience to navigate the situation and was well supported by the 16-year old A Sathya (13 not out) to get Incogs over the winning line. Incogs finished on 180 for 6 in the 42nd over.

A most enjoyable game of cricket and a top day all round.

Tim Sims



Played at Berkhamsted C.C. on 11th August 2021:-

CROSS ARROWS C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
B.Edwards LBW b I.Khan	8	N.Wood b Granger 8
N.Ramesh c Wood b Birtles	7	A.Leat c Kelbourn b Hogben
A.Akram LBW b Birtles	26	R.Sehmi c Overy b Ramesh47
C.Currie Not Out	72	K.Balasubramaniam c Granger b Ramesh36
J.Gupta c Leat b Sathya	18	B.Birtles LBW b Ladva5
J.Kelbourn c Wood b A.Khan	4	E.Waite c Pemberton b Ramesh1
J.Overy c Leat b Sathya	0	N.Malik Not Out17
A.Hogben Not Out	33	*A.Sathya Not Out13
B.Granger DNB		*A.Khan DNB
K.Ladva DNB		I.Khan DNB
A.Pemberton DNB		S.Bowry DNB
Extras	11	Extras
Total (for 6 wickets)	179	Total (for 6 wickets)180

Bowling: I.Khan 9-0-25-1; Birtles 10-0-46-2; \*A.Khan 7-1-22-1; \*Sathya 10-3-40-2; Malik 5-2-13-0; Sehmi 3-0-30-0.

#### **RESULT : WON BY 4 WICKETS**

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



This was the inaugural fixture between the oldest and the third oldest wandering sides in the world, so anticipation of a competitive game was high.

Having won against Cross Arrows the previous day, optimism was high. There were a few changes in personnel from the previous day, but nonetheless, Incogs fielded a strong side, especially in the batting line up. Having played on the same track the day before which we new improved over the day, local knowledge of Berkhamsted advising to bowl first, and on a overcast day with a little moisture on the wicket which was going to encourage early swing, Incogs won the toss and elected to bat!!

Needless to say, Tim Sims batting at No.11 had to pad up before lunch when Incogs were 93 for 8. A very good seam bowling attack from I Zingari, used the morning conditions magnificently, with B Randall getting through the defences of N Wood and A Leat, and B Mason castling A Smith, A Sathya and B Bell, reducing Incogs to 73 for 6. Rav Sehmi looked good and provided some hope before he chased a wide one and was out for 25. The tail wagged a little with T Pegler (12), I Khan (15) and S Bowry (18) but it was too little too late. Incogs were all out for 122.

Incogs opened with pace and seam, but I Zingari's first wicket fell in the fourth over at 18 after a run out following a fantastic direct hit from the covers by Alvin Sathya. I Zingari lost their next two wickets following a couple of good catches behind the wicket by N Wood and T Sims (wkt) in the next six overs and they found themselves at 50 for 3. There was a glimmer of hope for Incogs!! The next I Zingari partnership produced 62 runs so when the next wicket fell at 113 the die was cast. In spite of one final wicket, I Zingari reached 123 for 5 in the twentieth over.

Again, Berkhamsted Cricket Club provided an excellent venue and wonderful hospitality which was enjoyed by both teams and an array of guests and spectators. We hope to be back at the venue next year.

#### **Tim Sims**

Played at Berkhamsted C.C. on 12th August 2021:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		I ZINGARI C.C.
N.Wood b Randall	11	S.Hoddinott c Wood b Pegler
A.Leat b Randall	6	Z.French Run Out
A.Smith b Mason	15	M.Hargrove b I.Khan18
R.Sehmi c Davies b Ladd-Gibson	25	G.Lasseter c Sims b Sathya0
*A.Sathya c Lasseter b Mason	10	O.E-Burland c Sims b A.Khan
B.Bell b Mason	0	T.Spreckley Not Out10
B.Wakeford c Hoddinott b Ladd-Gibson	3	E.Rawlinson Not Out0
T.Pegler LBW b Rawlinson	12	K.Davies DNB
I.Khan c Davies b Rawlinson	15	B.Randall DNB
S.Bowry c E-Burland b Mason	18	B.Mason DNB
T.M.Sims Not Out	0	J.Ladd-Gibson DNB
Extras	7	Extras15
Total	122	Total (for 5 wickets)123

Bowling: I.Khan 6-1-35-1; \*A.Khan 4-0-35-1; \*Sathya 5-0-24-1; Bell 1-0-7-0; Pegler 3-2-14-1.



## **RESULT : LOST BY 5 WICKETS**

The Pres in a cocoon of concentration!

## **INCOGNITI C.C v STOICS C.C.**

19th August 2021. Match cancelled.

## WESTERN TOUR

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

We opened the Western Tour at a new venue in Lyme Regis, a picturesque town on the south coast, and our opposition were Uplyme & Lyme Regis CC ("U&LRCC"). Our Hon Secretary Tim Sims had his brother Jeremy (an Incog) playing for the opposition and Incogniti had three from the Wood family and two from the Gadsby family.

The lead up to this day had seen torrential rain in the week prior and on the Saturday. The wicket was naturally damp despite the wicket being covered but our spirits were high with this being the first day on tour. Despite a number of late drop-outs in the week leading up to the tour we fielded 11 with Harry Wood a guest standing in at very short notice.

U&LRCC won the toss and batted first. Alvin Sathya opened the bowling with great enthusiasm and purpose. He bowled tightly from the pavilion end with his usual induckers taking the wicket of Wellman bowled for 14. Ollie Wood struggling with a side strain from league cricket bowled his only 3 overs of the tour and had a chance dropped at first slip off his first ball. Having weathered the early storm U&LRCC regained some momentum with Batey and Farrow to build a stand of over fifty runs before the fall of the next wicket.

Tony Wood (captain for the day) brought on new candidate Harry Rogers from the pavilion end after Alvin's tight spell and Nav Saeed from the bottom end for Ollie Wood. Both bowlers did well and maintained a good line and length on a slow-paced pitch with little bounce. Nav Saeed was particularly impressive against the hard-hitting Batey going for only 16 runs off his 7 overs and Rogers 19 runs off his 5 overs. Both took one wicket a piece with Batey being adjudged LBW to Nav Saeed and Farrow caught at mid-on by Ollie Wood off Harry Rogers for 39.

However, it was the introduction of Nav Malik the Middlesex Over 50 player who's tight off-spin bowling brought about a middle order collapse. Jeremy Sims was caught by Tristan Kingsford for 2 and Wheeler was again adjudged LBW to Malik for 2. A sharp run out of Wilson for 6 by Wood and the loss of Herbert bowled by Malik for 0 meant U&LRCC were wobbling.

In the spirit of touring and, as the bowlers were limited to 7 overs per bowler the introduction of Kingsford continued to put a squeeze on the runs and Tony Wood with his left arm spin accounted for the wicket of Smith for 0 while Harry Wood bowled two tight overs to a young player without any runs or wickets. A couple of solid drives over mid-off from M. Batey saw the home side reach 126 for 8 off their allotted 35 overs.



Incogniti Opening Batsmen Left to right Tom Gadsby and son Harry Gadsby

Tom and Harry opened up for Incogniti. It has been a tradition since I revived the tour to try and get as many Dads and sons playing. Unfortunately both Tom and Harry did not trouble the scorers too long

against some tight bowling from Wilson. Tim Sims went in three and looked in good form with Ollie Wood. Ollie played some lovely drives but an in-swinging delivery from Wilson saw him out for 12. Meanwhile Tim somehow managed to get injured and retired with the agreement for him to come back if required as last man.

Harry Rogers and Alvin Sathya then took up the challenge and played some delightful cuts and pull shots until Harry played one square and was caught off Wellman and Alvin also perished against the bowling of Wellman. Incogniti were looking as though this middle order collapse was going to be our undoing, but Nav Malik and Nav Saeed both played with relative ease against the pace of Wellman and Batey. Nav Malik's middle order contribution included a number of fours to the leg side boundary and Nav Saeed kept in touch. Unfortunately, Nav Saeed was out and both Tony Wood and Harry Wood did not trouble the scorers for long.

We were now down to Tristan Kingsford and the injured Tim Sims with Alvin as a runner. A quick single from Tristan and a sharp turn left Tristan injured. Out went Harry Rogers to run for Tristan. I don't think in Incogniti fixtures over 30 years I have seen No.10 & No.11 Incogniti or opposition batsmen with runners. Tristan Kingsford hit a couple of delightful fours to the boundary and we were starting to believe a win was on the cards. If only we could stop the two runners running themselves out! Alas,Tristan hit one down to deep mid wicket with his mind on winning the game with a six and he was very well caught just inside from the boundary. We lost by 4 runs but it was an enjoyable start to the tour.



Played at Uplyme & Lyme Regis C.C.on 22nd August 2021:-

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UPLYME & LYME REGIS C.C.	
S,Farrow c O.Wood b Rogers	39
T.Wellman b Sathya	14
S.Batey LBW b Saeed	17
J.Sims c Kingsford b Malik	2
A.Wheeler LBW b Malik	16
J.Wilson Run Out	6
J.Herbert b Malik	0
R.Smith LBW b Wood	0
M.Batey Not Out	10
D.Wheeler Not Out	6
Absent	
Extras	16
Total	126

INCOGNITI C.C.
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T.Gadsby b Wilson2
H.Gadsby LBW b Wilson1
T.M.Sims Not Out11
O.Woood b Wilson12
#H.Rogers c? b Wellman10
*A.Sathya b Welllman19
N.Malik c? b Sims
N.Saeed b Wellman8
A.G.Wood b Wellman3
#H.Wood b Farrow0
T.B.Kingsford c? b Wheeler10
Extras
Total122

Bowling: \*Sathya 5-0-22-1; \*O.Wood 3-0-21-0; Saeed 7-1-16-1; #Rogers 5-0-19-1; Malik 5-0-6-3; Kingsford 5-1-14-0; A.G.Wood 3-0-12-1.

#### **RESULT : LOST BY4 RUNS**

## INCOGNITI C.C. v HONITON C.C.

Our second game on tour was against Honiton and was our usual evening T20. Harry Gadsby was our debut captain. With only three players over 40 years of age the signs were promising. Matthew Ricketts a college master from Millfield and guest joined us in lieu of Tristan Kingsford who was injured and what a great introduction Matthew had to Incogs cricket.

Afsar Khan opened the bowling and immediately hit a good line and length on a "sticky" but excellent wicket. He bowled Haysom with his first over for 0 and then followed that up with some tight bowling in his initial 2 over spell. From the other end we had Alvin pursuing another good line and length. He was rightfully rewarded with 2 wickets.

With a young team playing against what was a very strong Honiton side we really held our own. We fielded and caught well. Matthew Ricketts bowled particularly impressively on debut snaring the dashing batsman Smith and the exceptionally good Hext for 5 with both bowled. Nav Saeed despite going for a few runs took the important wicket of Carter in the middle order and a good catch.

Tony Wood chipped in with the wicket of Docherty who played an excellent innings from opening and we restricted Honiton to 103 off their 20 overs.

In reply Incogniti made a positive start with Ollie Wood and Harry Rogers opening the batting. Two contrasting styles. Ollie hard hitting through the leg side side, straight and into the deep off cover area, Harry playing deft cuts and working the ball around the ground with good running when required. Ollie hit one massive six out of the ground over the pavilion and never looked back until he tried a reverse sweep on 45 and was caught. He hit some very well-timed shots to the boundaries. Harry made an impressive 13 and we could see there was more to come from him on tour.

It was Finn Harris the 19 year old wicket keeper and top order batsman currently at Loughborough University that showed his class to steer a passage with captain Harry Gadsby. Finn made 33 Not Out and Harry 5 Not Out to allow us to achieve our total of 105 off 14.1 overs. Finn played some lovely off drives and looked comfortable at the wicket running a number of twos with Ollie and Harry in their respective stands.



Played at Honiton C.C.on 23rd August 2021:-

HONITON C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
D.Haysom b Khan	0	O.Wood c Smith b Docherty 45
M.Docherty c Malik b A.G.Wood	34	#H.Rogers c Meadows b Bothey13
G.Meadows b Sathya	12	#F.Harris Not Out
C.Mudd b Sathya	15	H.Gadsby Not Out5
W.Smith b Ricketts	0	T.Gadsby DNB
J.Carter c Ricketts b Saeed	0	N.Malik DNB
A.Holmes c Saeed b Malik	17	N.Saeed DNB
A.Lapping b Khan	10	#M.Ricketts DNB
J.Hext b Ricketts	5	*A.Sathya DNB
R.Burgess Not Out	2	*A.Khan DNB
R.Hill Not Out	0	A.G.Wood DNB
Extras	8	Extras9
Total (for 9 wkts)	103	Total (for 2 wkts) 105

Bowling: \*Khan 4-0-20-2; \*Sathya 4-0-12-2; #Ricketts 4-0-14-2; Saeed 4-0-33-1; A.G.Wood 2-0-9-1; Malik 2-0-12-1.

#### **RESULT : WON BY 8 WICKETS**

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



Tim Sims holds aloft the inaugural Incogniti "mini golf tournament" trophy at a pleasant course just outside Sidmouth as winner with a score of 32 off 9 holes. The morning's activities included a stroll into Sidmouth along the front.

We were blessed with wonderful weather this week which was just as well as a number of us were camping. The President Nick Gibbs and his wife Madeline were on hand to support us and took time before the game for a little "light lunch."



Incogniti lost the toss but were very kindly inserted by the opposition captain Jeacock. We opened with Finn Harris and Nav Malik. We raced away with the runs with Finn and Nav hitting a number of boundaries early in their innings. The bowling from Ottery was very tidy but the bounce was quite low so hitting through the line was the order of the day.



Nav Malik was first out for 15. Harry Gadsby joined Finn and they put on a good partnership with Finn missing out on his half century out for 48. Harry Rogers joined Harry and he played himself in nicely cutting anything loose and enjoying his time at the wicket. Harry Gadsby was out for a solid 29 and Harry Rogers went on to achieve his 50.

Venables the "Aussie" bowler was looking menacing with his slow medium pace and batsmen were not timing the ball as well as early in the innings when the ball came onto the bat. A little flurry of excitement from Alvin with the bat in his 15 before being run out and we decided to declare on 205 off 41 overs giving Ottery a good 45 overs to get the runs.

Incogniti after tea started with Afsar Khan and Alvin Sathya as the opening bowlers. Afsar took a wicket with his last ball of the first over and then they bowled a straight 14 overs between them to take 4 wickets

for a combined 20 runs with all wickets bowled. Both young bowlers held a good line and length and Ottery's young cricketers found it difficult to score.

The introduction of spin with K. Sakha and T.Wood was also effective with Wood picking up 4 wickets for 7 runs. Ottery were all out for 55 in 22 overs giving Incogniti a win by 150 runs.



Malik facing the opening bowler against Ottery St Mary.

Nav

Played at Ottery St. Mary C.C.on 24th August 2021:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		OTTERY ST. MARY C.C.
#F.Harris LBW b Cope	48	D.Jeacock Run Out12
N.Malik b Cope	15	J.Triner b Khan0
H.Gadsby LBW b Kerr	29	L.Walker b Sathya3
#H.Rogers c Sheaves b Venables	53	A.Dean b Sathya0
O.Wood b Venables	7	W.Sheaves b Sathya 4
#J.Sims ? b Venables	11	M.Jeacock Run Out10
*A.Sathya Run Out	15	M.Jeacock b A.G.Wood11
#K.Sakha Not Out	0	B.Venables b A.G.Wood3
A.G.Wood Not Out	1	C.Mitchell b A.G.Wood0
*A.Khan DNB		J.Tierney Not Out7
T.M.Sims DNB		B.Cope c Sathya b A.G.Wood0
Extras	26	Extras5
Total (for 7 wkts)	205	Total55

Bowling: \*Khan 7-2-8-1; \*Sathya 7-2-10-3; #Sakhha 4-0-25-0; A.G.Wood 4-0-7-4.

#### **RESULT : WON BY 150 RUNS**



The Pres and his successor!

## INCOGNITI C.C. v EXMOUTH C.C.



Alvin Sathya getting his life jacket on before those keen to do so did some paddle boarding at Exmouth. Harry Wood and Afsar in the background.





Following our excursion into the water as "a pre match warm up" we had some pasties and coffee at the Sideshore Watersports centre and then set off the very short distance of 100 yards to the ground. Exmouth CC is a beautiful cricket ground located on the sea front with a slightly concave outfield but superbly flat and hard wicket. It was the best wicket we played on all tour and traditionally a bowler's graveyard as trying to contain runs on a fast outfield is very difficult.


Incogniti asked the opposition to bat first as we were on Day 4 of the tour with some tired legs and they had a side consisting of nobody over 22 years of age. If we were going to win this game we had to chase down the runs as we were never going to contain a score.

Incogniti were captained by Naveed Saeed who opened the bowling with Afsar Khan and Harry Gadsby. Afsar's first ball went for 4 and the opening batsman was not taking much time to look at the bowling. Clearly, he knew what the wicket would do! However, Afsar as with Ottery took a wicket off his last ball. The swinging Morrison went first over.

Harry Gadsby came in off his long striding run and looked every part the opening bowler. He had good pace and length only Exmouth's first team opening batsman liked anything in his hitting zone and dispatched Harry for a few fours and and one six in his three overs but Harry looked really good as a bowler and he will get better.

With Afsar continuing and bowling well it was the introduction of Nav Malik who started to make an impact. His bowling from the pavilion end was impressive. The run up measured and his length testing for the batsmen. His 7 overs only allowed 22 runs and he snapped up 2 wickets including the impressive Pyle and Davies.

Tony Wood was also brought on by Naveed and it was felt to be a mistake as Wood's first three balls each went for very big sixes into the nearby bowls club off the left handed Pyle who was clearly looking to score 6 sixes in an over. However, Wood calmed down and slowly and methodically brought back the runs and ended with 2 wickets for 45 runs off his 7 overs.

The highlight was Rob Harris, dad to Finn and a veery tidy slow right arm bowler and right handed batsman. He combined well with Harry Rogers who held up one end for 7 overs for only 27 runs. Rob kept his line tight and gave it sufficient flight to tempt the batsmen. A very good caught and bowled to dismiss the dangerous Schlauter for 31 and then a further three wickets meant Exmouth went from 109-2 to 185 all out.



Back Row (L-R): T.Sims (Hon Sec) A.Wood T.Gadsby N.Malik N.Saeed R.Harris A.Khan Front Row (L-R): H.Gadsby H Rogers A.Sathya O Wood F Harris (wkpt)

Our reply was equally swift with Harry Gadsby scoring a patient 46 despite a lot of "chirp" from Exmouth's young players and skipper which was not sadly entirely friendly or in the spirit of the game we were playing. Finn Harris made 5 but Alvin Sathya paired up with Harry Gadsby to score a well crafted and robust 47 before Harry was out with the score on 102 -2. Ollie Wood made 1 but man of the moment after his 7 over spell Harry Rogers steered the ship home with an excellent 54 not out which included 7 fours. We scored 188 for 5 wickets off 37 overs.

It was the best win on tour against what was a strong Exmouth side and fitting our young batsmen led the way.

My thanks to all the players who supported the tour including Harry Wood who stood in at short notice for late drop-outs, to Kate Sims and Saima who patiently watched and while it cost me a box of Sidmouth's finest chocolates for Nav to play at Honiton it was well worth it. Finally, a big vote of thanks to Christopher Dean our umpire for standing in three games. We look forward to seeing Christopher again next season should he be available. We ended our tour with a dinner at the local Chinese in Exmouth.



Incogniti CC Umpire: Christopher Dean

Played at Exmouth C.C.on 25th August 2021:-

EXMOUTH C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
L.Morrison b Khan	6	H.Gadsby c Morrison b Lawrence 46
D.Pyle b Malik	69	#F.Harris b Fereday5
L.Davies LBW b Malik	28	*A.Sathya b Shah 47
R.Schaulter c & b R.Harris	31	O.Wood c Brenton b Shah1
E.Edworthy LBW b A.G.Wood	9	#H.Rogers Not Out54
E.Brenton b A.G.Wood	2	T.Gadsby b Shah0
S.Fereday LBW b R.Harris	6	#R.Harris Not Out14
F.Marks c Roggers b R.Harris	25	N.Saeed DNB
O.Shah Run Out	2	N.Malik DNB
T.Lawrence Not Out	0	*A.Khan DNB
G.Maynard b R.Harris	0	A.G.Wood DNB
Extras	7	Extras9
Total	185	Total (for 5 wkts) 188

Bowling: \*Khan 5-0-38-1; H.Gadsby 3-0-31-0; Malik 7-0-22-2; A.G.Wood 7-0-45-2; #Rogers 7-0-27-0; #R.Harris 7-0-18-4.

# **RESULT : WON BY 8 WICKETS**



End of tour dinner

# INCOGNITI C.C. v HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

One cannot have known, such was the thriller played at HAC on Monday 23rd August 2021, that it was one of two fixtures being played by representatives of the purple, black and yellow.

As any Incog will know, it would be highly irregular and completely inaccurate to describe the side that took on the Honourable Artillery as the 'B side'. So... I won't. But it may or may set me up for a smattering of musical references. The sun was shining, a lovely 'track' prepared, an Incogniti side bursting at the seams with batting; and a generous invitation to bat first was presented. It turned out, however, that our batsmen considered themselves more of an unreleased single than one of the big hits of the Incogniti album. And so, as we searched for people willing to be the front men, the game got underway.

Top of the pops was a fantastic 52 by Ed Waite, who was the backbone of the innings, who set the game up nicely with 33 from Nick Wood. It would be impossible not to mention Jamie Wood, who just like Joe Root (the comparisons end there), dropped himself from 3 to 4. He may or may not describe himself as a baller, but unfortunately it was just a first-baller this time. Before Perry Pearce closed out the innings with the candidate Jordan Cahir, observers who have missed eye tests due to the pandemic may have been excused for thinking they were playing with Liam Livingstone. It was in fact Mr Tom Mason, who came out like a man possessed, striking back to back pull shots to the boundary in a rapid-fire 20 from 13.

A target of 160 was probably 30-40 runs below par, despite the slow track stopping (must have been an old discman). The limited bowling options made it a real challenge to defend. After a big breakthrough (or two), inevitable partnerships began to grow. The aim was to contain, however with a slightly subpar total, we were never able to quite get the rate under control, and wickets were hard to come by. With Sunny Bowry waiting in the wings, he also refused to spin the decks, due to the limited runs per over required, and so the skipper was forced to bowl his longest ever spell of 22 overs. A tight call, and one that we will never know what could have been...

In the end, with just an over and a half to spare, HAC made it over the line to win the game by two wickets.

#### **David Boothroyd**

Played at Armoury House.on 23rd August 2021:-

### INCOGNITI C.C.

A.Leat c Free b Rizwan	9	,
N.Wood c Edwards b Parry	31	]
#K.Chaudry b Rizwan	3	]
*J.Wood c Taylor b Rizwan	0	5
E.Waite c Parry b Herenjal	52	5
A.Smith c Herenjal b Caviet	0	(
T.R.G.Mason b Parry	20	5
P.Pearce c Taylor b Parry	23	]
S.Bowry LBW b Parry	5	]
#J.Cahir c Chappell b Parry	9	1
D.Boothroyd Not Out	3	E
Extras	4	]
Total	159	

Bowling: Boothroyd 22-4-73-5; #J.Cahir 16.3-0-59-2; N.Wood 6-1-24-0.

### **RESULT : LOST BY 2 WICKETS**

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

An Incogs and guests team played Free Foresters at Long Marston on Sunday 29th August. On the Saturday we had twelve available players, including six Incogs but as a result of two injuries during Saturday, only four Incogs could make it and we were down to ten. The team was supplemented by Berkhamsted, Welwyn Garden City and Malborough College players as well as a couple of other guests.

Free Foresters won the toss and elected to bat. Incogs were a little trepidatious as we did not know the quality of players guesting for us, we only had ten men, and we knew they had three players who had played county cricket. We also knew they had two fast opening bowlers who played for senior club sides.

At lunch Incogs had bowled 30 overs and although we had not taken a wicket, the Free Foresters batsmen were making slow progress and had found the bowling of I Khan, A Drew and L Frey (a guest) a challenge, supplemented by some creative and attacking field settings, and were on only 113. After lunch three wickets fell quickly and in the 38<sup>th</sup> over Free Foresters were on 153 for 3. On came the spinners and in came the Flower brothers who had played for Leicestershire - good we thought. We'd hoped they would score quickly and set us a target to chase - hoping that we might bowl 45-50 overs and get at least 45 back. This thinking didn't go quite to plan!! Free Foresters declared at 332 for 8 in their 55th over, meaning Incogs would only get about 40 overs to chase this total - we would need to go at 8.3 an over!! It transpired that the Free Foresters skipper had made a miscalculation on time - he'd forgotten about change over times and tea!!

All the Incogniti batsmen did their best against some fast and challenging Free Foresters bowling. R Lamplugh -35 (Marlborough College) and Will Haggar -22 (Welwyn Garden City) - both under 19 opened the batting and looked good against the pace of Free Foresters. L Frey (Berkhamsted) and H Breary continued to follow the script, maintaining a run rate of 4 per over but it was obvious the Incogs could not possibly chase down the required target. At 20 overs Free Foresters did put on some slower bowling - the pick of which was M Henderson who plays for the Engalnd Deaf XI (9-3-34-3) - but a fantastic knock by N Malik (41 not out) and a resilient Raman Suri saw to it that Incogs played out a draw. Incogs ended on 163 for 4 after 40 overs.

All our guests performed well and I am glad to say we have made some new friends. Everybody got a game, the ground was lovely and the food was superb, and Free Foresters were super hosts...and nice of them to recognise they miscalculated how many over Incogs might get. Look forward to next season's fixture

# **Tim Sims**

Played at Long Marston C.C. on 29th August 2021:-

FREE FORESTERS C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
Z.Faleel st Lake b Malik	61	#W.Haggar c S.Flowers b Walcott 22
R.Wood c Drew b Malik	64	#R.Lamplugh c Bell b Henderson
B.Purchase c Malik b Drew	16	#L.Frey b Henderson
S.Flowers st Lake b Breary	64	#H.Breary st Kendall b Henderson 21
T.Flowers b Frey	68	#R.Suri Not Out8
M.Costin LBW b Frey	0	N.Malik Not Out41
H.Kendall c Frey b Khan	25	#D.Lake DNB
W.Walcott Not Out	11	A.Drew DNB
O.Faleel b Frey	1	I.Khan DNB
J.Bell Not Out	4	T.M.Sims DNB
M.Henderson DNB		
Extras	18	Extras6
Total (for 8 wkts)	332	Total (for 4 wkts)163

Bowling: Khan 13-2-36-1; #Frey 14-2-68-3; #Suri 5-0-46-0; Drew 10-1-51-1; Malik 8-1-43-2; #Lamplugh 3-0-44-0; #Breary 2-0-26-1.

#### **RESULT : MATCH DRAWN**



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

Match Manager for this fixture (Tom Mason), is very grateful to Tim Sims for providing an exellent summary of a game played on a most beautifully sunny and hot Sunday afternoon, and a game that went to the last ball of the day when the sun had gone down and the lights of the scoreboard and pavilion were required to guide us back to the safety of the dressing rooms!

Incogs won the toss and elected to bat and it was wonderful to see Adrian Beecroft, (who joined Incogs in 1966) open the batting with Nick Wood. After 36.5 overs, Incogs declared on 251 for 5. The innings witnessed some fantastic batting; Wes Lewis reached 104 not out - the first Incog 100 of the year - and Nick Wood made his way to 75, with good support from Ed Ince (joining us from Barbados) and Ed Waite (joining us from Hornsey). At tea we were treated to a homemade curry. Unfortunately it was cold. Enquiring as to why the curry was cold, the Chiswick staff member informed us with great authority that it was cold because it had just come out of the fridge!

The tea break was also a great opportunity to catch up with a number of Incogs who popped into watch and it was lovely to see Nick Gibbs, Paul Furness, Crusher (Martin Keen) and Phil Arnould, as well as a number of family members of players.

After tea Chiswick batted well against some good bowling (wickets were shared around between Ince, Saeed, T Wood, N Wood and S Bowry), and we witnessed some fantastic catching by A Beecroft (skier out of the sun), B Birtles (diving catch at short cover to a screamer) and W Lewis (a piece of juggling to a skier any circus performer would be proud of), and some three fantastical drops that went straight to first slip!!

Ben Birtles, who was skippering his first Incogs game, did a wonderful job in keeping the game alive and rotating the bowlers, and Incogs almost pulled off an amazing victory, when the ninth Chiswick wicket went down with one ball to spare. The last ball of the match bowled by Bowry in the gloom just missed the off stump of the Chiswick number eleven who was attempting a ramp shot - this summed up the whole match played with great spirit and sportsmanship. Chiswick ended on 210 for 9 off 42 overs.

Tim Sims

Played at Chiswick C.C. on 5th September 2021:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		CHISWICK C.C.
N.Wood c H.Hurtig-Isaac b B.Hurtig-Is	aac75	A.Longmuir b Ince0
P.A.B.Beecroft b Harris	1	G.Baptiste c Lewis b Saeed
W.Lewis Not Out	104	R.Fernandes c Beecroft b A.G.Wood 37
E.Ince st Fry b Malik	25	A.Zende b A.G.Wood10
B.Birtles c Baptiste b Sehmi	0	Z.Fry LBW b Bowry
E.Waite c Fernandes b Malik	36	R.Sehmi b Saeed40
A.G.Wood DNB		G.Suri b Birtles
S.Bowry DNB		N.Malik c Birtles b N.Wood14
N.Saeed DNB		B.Hurtig-Isaac c Birtles b Bowry 18
T.R.G.Mason DNB		C.Harris Not Out9
T.M.Sims DNB		H.Hurtig-Isaac Not Out0
Extras	10	Extras15
Total (for 5 wkts)	251	Total (for 9 wkts) 209

Bowling: Ince 5-3-6-1; Saeed 14-1-73-2; A.G.Wood 8-0-33-2; Birtles 6-1-11-1; Bowry 7-0-64-2; N.Wood 2-0-12-1.

### **RESULT : MATCH DRAWN**

### **"THE BALKAN BASH"**

 $10^{th} - 12^{th}$  September 2021. Cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

# INCOGNITI C.C. v HIGHGATE C.C.

Played at Shepherd's Cot on 17th September 2021:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		HIGHGATE C.C.
A.Leat b Patel	28	D.Blyghton b Pegler 19
N.Wood LBW b Patel	22	C.Fletcher c Wood b Pearson
#F.Harris st? b D.Blyghton	37	D.Snath LBW b Pegler16
E.Hulme st? b D.Blyghton	23	N.Anibhai b Sathya14
A.Smith b S.Blyghton	0	R.Harrison b Pegler 4
#A.Hart b S.Blyghton	0	B.Blyghton LBW b Hart23
*A.Sathya b S.Blyghton	0	J.Taylor LBW b Pegler10
T.Pegler b S.Blyghton	2	D.Patel c Leat b Pegler 4
N.Saeed LBW b S.Blyghton	0	A.Varni Not Out17
#C.Pearson Not Out	3	J.De Silva c Saeed b Pegler 2
I.Krunic b S.Blyghton	0	S.Blyghton Not Out12
Extras	22	Extras12
Total	137	Total (for 9 wkts) 138

Bowling: #Pearson 6-2-19-1; Pegler 25-10-46-6; #Hart 12-3-39-1; \*Sathya 7.3-0-24-1.

## **RESULT : LOST BY 1 WICKET**

#### BATTING AVERAGES OF MEMBERS (OUALIFICATION: 3 COMPLETED INNINGS)

	Matches	Inns.	N.O. I	Runs	H.S.	Avge	C.	St.
N. Wood	8	8	2	255	89*	42.50	6	
A. Pervaiz	3	3	0	97	80	32.33	3	
I. Khan	. 12	10	2	250	88	31.25	1	
O. Wood	6	6	0	145	69	24.17	1	
N.D. Gill	. 4	4	0	94	34	23.50	1	
E. Waite	5	5	0	117	52	23.40	1	
H. Gadsby	6	6	1	112	46	22.40		
S. Bowry	17	14	2	252	71	21.00	2	
A. Leat	. 5	5	1	82	36	20.50	4	
R. Sehmi	5	5	0	95	47	19.00		
P. Pearce	4	4	0	68	23	17.00	5	
T. Pegler	5	4	1	50	32*	16.67	1	
N. Malik	16	13	3	154	41*	15.40	3	
A.G. Wood	10	6	1	58	26	11.60		
B. Birtles	4	4	0	43	38	10.75	2	
N. Saeed	17	11	0	101	37	9.18	3	
A. Smith	3	3	0	15	15	5.00		

The following Members also played. WLewis (dnb,0,104\*1c), Y. Balasubramaniam (57), K. Balasubramaniam (36,24,1c), T.M. Sims (8xdnb,0,20,2\*,4\*,21\*,0\*,11\*,5c,1\*), S. Bardon (41,16,3c), E.Ince (25), T.R.G. Mason (20), J. Green (18,1\*,1c), E. Hulme (23,14,1c), S. Malik (8\*,7), J. Lockwood (10), T.B. Kingsford (10,1c), I. Chakrabarti (9,1c), T. Wakeford (8), D. Boothroyd (4,3\*,2c), S. Baxter (6), P. Lyes (dnb,4), B. Wakeford (3), P.A.B. Beecroft (1,1c), T. Gadsby (2,0), B. Bell (2xdnb,1,1), M. Rosson (0,1c), \*J. Rees-Davies (dnb,21\*,6), A.J. McAvan (dnb,0,2c), J. Andrews (0,0), R.J.F. Tierney (3\*,2), I. Krunic (0).

### BOWLING AVERAGES OF MEMBERS (QUALIFICATION: 5 WICKETS)

	Overs	M'dns	Runs	Wkts.	Avge.
T. Pegler	67	22	164	19	8.63
A.G.Wood	39	1	168	13	12.92
D.Boothroyd	31	7	101	6	16.83
N.Wood	26	6	86	5	17.20
I. Khan	89.3	3 11	361	15	24.07
N. Malik	104.4	4 12	445	18	24.72
N.Saeed	43	2	211	6	35.17

Also bowled. P.Lyes (2-1-2-0), T.B. Kingsford (5-1-14-0), O.Wood (3-0-21-0), H.Gadsby (11-1-81-0), E. Ince (9-3-6-1), \*J. Wood (6-1-24-2), B. Birtles (17.1-1-59-3), A.J. McAvan (11-1-62-3), M. Rosson (6-1-24-1), S. Bardon (17-2-57-2), S. Malik (13-2-33-1), B. Bell (23-1-115-3), R.J.F. Tierney (9-2-43-1), R. Sehmi (15-0-87-2), \*J. Rees-Davies (20.4-3-99-2), A.Drew (10-1-51-1), S. Bowry (22.4-0-207-4).

# **BATTING AVERAGES OF CANDIDATES**

# WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED MEMBERS

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

A. Sathya	14	12	2	133	47	13.30	2
A. Khan	8	3	1	19	15	9.50	2

# **BOWLING AVERAGES OF CANDIDATES**

# WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED MEMBERS

Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. Sathya 72.3	11	246	19	12.95
A. Khan 59	11	229	10	22.90

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

# NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES

# BATTING

W. Lewis	104*	v Chiswick
N. Wood	89	v Beckenham
I. Khan	88	v Kew
A. Pervaiz	80	v Jesus College
N. Wood	75	v Chiswick
S Bowry	71	v Trowbridge
#F. Harris	71	v Wiltshire Queries
I. Khan	63	v Dulwich College
#A. O'Shea	54	v Patong
Y. Balasubramaniam	57	v Kew
#H. Rogers	54*	v Exmouth
#A. O'Shea	54*	v Royal Navy
#HRogers	53	v Ottery St. Mary
#A. Ali	53	v Tiffin Tercels
E. Waite	52	v H.A.C.
I. Khan	51	v Tiffin Tercels

### BOWLING

T. Pegler	6 for 49	v Royal Navy
*A. Sathya	5 for 4	v Gemini
D. Boothroyd	5 for 73	v H.A.C.
A.G. Wood	4 for 7	v Ottery St. Mary
#R. Harris	4 for 18	v Exmouth
T. Pegler	4 for 46	v Royal Navy

## 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.