

SPORTS

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CRICKET

VISITORS FROM SHEFFIELD LOSE FIRST MATCH

Holmesfield CC from Sheffield played their first of two matches on the Rock on Tuesday at the Europa Oval and found the local GCA selection too hot to handle. An undefeated century from Christian Rocca and an aggressive 72 from David Young, backed up by an unbeaten 67 from Chris Phillips posted a total which in the end proved too high a mountain for the visitors to climb though they certainly did not give up without a fight.

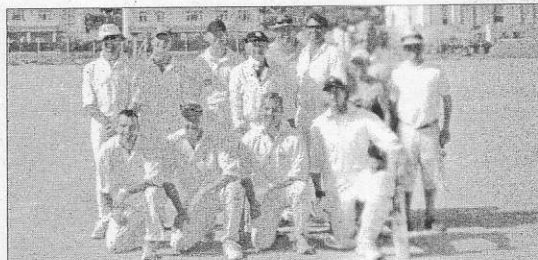
GCA run rampage

GCA won the toss, opted to bat first and Rocca and Young proceeded to take their toll of some moderate batting, the hundred coming up in only the twelfth over. The total had raced to 133 when Young skied one to long off where Jim Pearson took a good catch; Young's 72 had been scored of just 42 balls and included six fours and four sixes. GCA lost the wicket of Kieron Ferrary soon afterwards and at the twenty overs stage the total had progressed to 180/2. Rocca retired on reaching his hundred and Ross Harkins departed for 21 but by the then the total had passed the two hundred mark, and there was to be no respite for the tiring Holmesfield bowlers as Phillips and Kabir Mirpuri (35 not out) added a further 103 runs before the allotted forty overs were up.

Holmesfield lost two early wickets after which Neil Pearson and Oliver Rossington fought back with a third wicket stand of 82 before the former mistimed a ball from Mirpuri to give Harkins a simple chance at cover, the batsman had contributed 31 runs. Rossington went on to reach 74 before he, too, was dismissed, and there was



Chris Rocca (left) leads out GCA Selection



Holmesfield CC

little resistance to follow as the side was dismissed for 160 to give the locals victory by 153 runs. For the GCA XI Gareth Balban returned figures of 3/8.

Mirpuri took 2/28 and Kayne Peliza 2/7. Holmesfield return to the Rock today, from 1.30pm, and will no doubt be hoping for better fortunes! **TJF**

ATHLETICS

Young 'Gib. four' off to the mountains

A small team of the GAAA's young runners will be leaving early tomorrow morning to compete, over the weekend, at the World Mountain Running Association's first-ever 'Youth Challenge' being held in the Susa Valley, outside of Turin in northern Italy. GAAA Sec. Frank Carreras will be leading the contingent.

Gib.'s four youngsters - Aaron Bagu, Stephen Carreras, Mohammed Ahamed and Stephanie Mor - succeeded in the GAAA's 'top of the Rock' qualifying race - 1 3/4 miles on the road rising to 1000ft. - held early in May. (see photo).

Plans are still in hand for the Rock of Gibraltar to be the ultimate venue for this season's WMRA championship by staging a Grand Prix in the autumn, but serious sponsorship is still being sought.

GAAA Youth Track League

This season's Youth Track league is



rapidly drawing to a close. On Tuesday, the fourth track meet was held and next Monday (26th) will see the final (5th.) at increased

distances, from 8.00pm. Meanwhile, this Friday the Shot putt will be staged, from 6.30, for 10 & under and 12 & under.

DARTS

GIBRALTAR NATIONAL CHAMPION 2006

George Federico became winner of the coveted trophy which he has now held a record 8 times. The Gibraltar National Championships were played last week and the attendance was quite good in light of the world football cup having started. The GDA was founded in 1956.

In an amazing draw the top 4 players in Gibraltar got drawn together in the 1st round of the competition.

This time around it was old guns that went through (George Federico beat Justin Broton 3-0 and Francis Taylor beat Dylan Duo in a close 3-2 match. The highlight of the night was young Danny Peach who managed to take out Francis Taylor (always the toughest of opponents - as Dylan



George Federico

found out). Danny was overjoyed by his win but lost against another veteran of darts, Angel Debono. George then beat Manolo Asquez to reach the final.



Last Eight (left to right): Henry Zapata, Joseph Sanchez, Angel Debono, Justin Stagno, Stefan Federico, Manolo Asquez, George Federico.

In the final George played as he did all night with good clinical finishing but Angel Debono gave him a run for his money.

George Federico, now the 8th time

winner (and record holder) of this long standing trophy, will get first choice in deciding whether he will attend the Winmau World Masters in November this year.

Presentation Night 2006

Here is the schedule of the BBQ - Presentation night this coming Friday, at the College Cosmos Club.

(8:30pm sharp) Pedresa 180 championship

In summary, each player that throws a 180 during the league enters this little competition.

Each player goes to the stage and must with 9 darts throw more than 180 (in total) using all the nine darts.

Every player that does, advances to Round Two.

The qualified players of Round Two then throw 9 darts each again and the player that scores the highest is declared the winner.

(9:15 approx) Start of Superstars Competition (best 8 seeds in Gib)

Players get called up to the stage.

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| 1 - Dylan Duo | 2 - Justin Broton |
| 3 - George Federico | 4 - Francis Taylor |
| 5 - Alan Kimberley | 6 - Eric Segui |
| 7 - Henry Zapata | 8 - Glenn Cameron |

To be played in seeding format so 1 vs 8, 2 vs 7, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5

(9:45 approx) Start of Presentation

(10:15 approx) BBQ

Could be earlier if things go to plan, of course.

Tickets sold on the night at £10.00 each; for further-information, contact Justin Broton on 54022622.