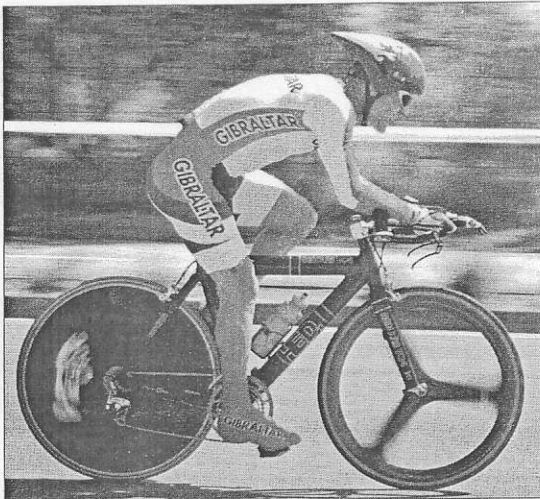


SPORTS

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CYCLING

GB National Cycling Time Trial Championships 2006



Two local cycling racers, Julian Bellido and Sigurd Haveland, participated in this year's GB National Cycling Time Trial

Championships held on the 3rd September at Farnborough, near Reading. 300 participants took part in the event which was organised by

British Cycling; juniors raced over 20Km, women, under 23's and master's over 40km. Julian and Sigurd raced in the senior men category over a 57Km course, 17Km over and above their accustomed distance of 40Km which is the time trialist benchmark. This particular category had 41 entries with names including Michael Hutchinson, Jonathan Dayus, Stuart Dangerfield and Jason MacIntyre; Olympic, world and commonwealth games medallists. Our lads managed to rank 24 and 27th coming in with a time of 81 minute 29 seconds for Julian and 82 minutes 4 seconds for Sigurd. Missing from this event was the third member of the local cycling trio, Chris Walker, who competing in the Rota triathlon on the same day. On the back of the impressive performances in Melbourne it was a very creditable performance against the best cyclists in the UK and showing once again that the top Gibraltar cyclists can compete at international level.

HOCKEY

EGM / AGM: The Gibraltar Hockey Association will be holding their AGM / EGM next Monday 25th, from 7.00pm at the JMH. Under discussion will be the Election of a new committee. Last season ended with a 'bang' when Gib.'s youngsters came within an ace of retaining their position in Group B of European hockey at Under 21 level and gave us all a taste of 'what might have been' - it could be a long road back - there is much to do at grass roots on the Stadium water based!

Already entries have been made for Gibraltar clubs in European competitions. Eagles men will be contesting the Men's Cup Winners Challenge at Corradino in Malta in April 2007. Lions Hawks will be hosting the Women's Cup winners Trophy, also in April.

Youth Hockey: The GHA's Youth Hockey Training programme recommences this evening at the Bay-side Sports Centre for ages 5- 16 - on Mons and Weds. 5-00 - 6.30 pm . There is an annual fee of £20.00 per child for the course which leads up to matches against visitors. Indoor Hockey has a Stadium allocation on Saturdays from 1.00 - 3.00pm.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - FOOTBALL

Gibraltar 'on the goal trail'

Gibraltar S.O. football team started like 'champions' when they played the side from La Linea in the opening match of the tri-angular tournament of the celebratory 20th. Anniversary Trophy on Thursday. Playing as good an indoor game as you could imagine they led 'la linenses' 6-0 at the interval. Samyr Anakkar notched a hat-trick of goals, with Keith Medhurst scoring a couple and Azaddin El Habali smashing one from distance. However, a half - time pep talk to the visitors saw them take advantage of Gib.'s defensive slip -ups to score again and again and by the end it was Gib. which was holding on for a 7-4 victory, with just one more goal from Annakar, with De la Rosa scoring a 'hat-trick' for La Linea and another from Rodriguez.

The team from Barbate, arriving late, were eagerly awaiting the kick off against Gib. but the locals continued in a scoring frame of mind with few defensive slips in a 13 - 2 victory to take the trophy at stake. (Details of La Linea - Barbate match not at hand).



DARTS

Gibraltar Darts National Day Trophy

The Gibraltar National Day Tournament sponsored by Kronenberg 1664 took place at the College Cosmos Social Club (this being one of the top tournaments in Gibraltar darts).

There was a good turn up of players with over thirty players registering on the night. Top players hadn't lost their sparks from last year after a good summer break. This shows the dedication players are giving to the game.



Dylan congratulates Henry

Right from the start of the tournament, names such as Dylan Duo and Francis Taylor stood out for the quality of darts both when throwing in their games. However others too from the outset such as Eric Segui, Angel Debono and Henry Zapata were going to make it a good battle if they were going to be defeated by the big guns this time. After several great games played by a couple of players, we had the semi-final line-up. The first game was played by Angel Debono and Henry Zapata, which finished with a score of 3-1 in favour of Henry (after a great battle Henry showed his form with very sharp finishing).

Dylan Duo and Francis Taylor played the second semi-final. This game after 4 superb legs of darts and the score been tied at 2-2 was then decided in the last leg. Here is where Dylan proved to everyone present at the time why he is the rank No.1 in Gibraltar, he played a 12 darts leg finishing the game with a 156 finish (T20, T20, D18) giving Dylan the game and a place in the final joining Henry.

The final saw the game between two training partners, this meaning they could each use their opponents weaknesses against each other. It was a very exciting final to watch as very good darts was being thrown by both players (including a 180 by Henry). After 5 legs of great darts the game

won by Henry 3-2.

180's
1 x Eric Segui, 1 x Henry Zapata, 1 x Alfred King
Highest Finishes
156 Dylan Duo (T20, T20, D18)

Best games of first round:
N.Cumbo 1 vs G.Ramos 3
J.Jones 0 vs H.Zapata 3
J.Stagno 1 vs A.Debono 3
J.Chipol 0 vs E.Segui
T.Olivero 0 vs D.Duo 3
A.King 3 vs D.Peach 2
G.Cameron 1 vs W.Duo 3

Last 16:
G.Ramos 3 vs R.Fawden 2
A.Kimberly 1 vs H.Zapata 3
A.Debono 3 vs K.Mena 2
J.Broton 0 vs E.Segui 3
D.Duo 3 vs J.Pecino 0
D.Emery 0 vs A.King 3
W.Duo 3 vs M.Azquez
T.Pilkington 0 vs F.Taylor 3

Quarter-Finals
G.Ramos 0 vs H.Zapata 3
A.Debono 3 vs E.Segui 0
D.Duo 3 vs A.King 2
W.Duo 2 vs F.Taylor 3

Semi-Finals:
H.Zapata 3 vs A.Debono 1
D.Duo 3 vs F.Taylor 2