

The Eifion Jones Single Wicket Competition held at CERN on Sunday, May 25th

Fifteen players turned out on a grey day to participate in the 15th Eifion Jones Single Wicket Competition, including two thirteen-year olds, Jamie and Tarusha, both of whom made significant contributions to the outcome of matches. The top scorer in the first round was Elvin with 24, and the highest scoring game was Muzaffar (16) versus D'Mello (20). Jamie was unfortunate to be drawn against Ahmed, who won in 2005 and favourite to win it again in 2008, but was only beaten by 4. D'Mello was top scorer in the second round, making 26. Surprisingly Elvin progressed despite scoring minus 4 (six runs are deducted each time a batsman is out), his opponent, Nanjungud being dismissed 3 times and making minus 7. Ahmed narrowly beat Tarusha (by one run), hence the semi-final line-up was Elvin versus Ahmed and Campbell versus D'Mello. Campbell proved what a hard head he has when he was caught and bowled after he edged the ball onto his head and it rebounded 22 yards to the bowler! Unfortunately, with blood pouring from his head, he had to abandon so D'Mello progressed to the final for the second season running. In the other semi-final, Elvin comfortably beat Ahmed thanks to good bowling, dismissing him 4 times, one thanks to an excellent catch by Jamie. In the final, in which each player bowls three overs instead of two, Elvin batted first and amassed what seemed to be a small score, 13, but once again accurate bowling dismissed D'Mello 5 times so that he ended with minus 8. Elvin had young keeper Tarusha to thank for two excellent stumpings and other fielders for strategically dropping catches. He deservedly won the tournament and a new name is to be inscribed on the trophy.