

## The Eifion Jones Single Wicket Competition held at CERN on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2009

On the hottest May day in the region since 1906, 14 brave souls turned out for the 16<sup>th</sup> Eifion Jones Single Wicket competition. All gathered at the ground for the draw, following which there were cries of "it's a fix" when both last year's winner and the match manager for the day had byes into the next round. Just after midday, the competition began (What is it they say? Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun? What does that say about the non-English participants?)

The youngest player in the competition, Louis Osborne, won his first round match by bowling opponent Mason with the last ball, setting up a tie between Osborne junior and senior in the second round. Although Osborne senior won, his son did dismiss him twice in the two overs (a batsman loses 6 runs for each time out), one of which was clean bowled! The holder of the trophy, Elvin, went out in the second round, beaten by the pace bowling of Fisk, who also hit the biggest six seen at the CERN ground. Ahmed overcame the 10 run handicap against Onions with some big sixes to progress to a semi-final against Campbell who, batting first, got a good score of 30 (with the help of Elvin, who dropped him - an absolute sitter behind the wicket). Ahmed continued to bat well however and, with 4 sixes, hit 34 to progress to the final. The other semi-final was a close affair, ending up with Osborne and Fisk both making 20 but Osborne was out less times and hence was through to the final. He set Ahmed a target of 36 off 3 overs but Ahmed's big hitting took him to 49 (5 sixes) thus winning the competition for the second time.

After a hot day in the field the players then quenched their thirst with a beer or two before an excellent BBQ, which was well organised by Tina, with the help of Maria, Frances and Esther. Many thanks to them!