

## The Eifion Jones Single Wicket Competition at Preveessin on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Fourteen players turned out for this knock-out competition, which first took place 20 years ago. In each game, 2 overs are bowled by each player. Players under 18, and those over 50, benefit from one extra run per year of age difference up to a maximum of 10 runs. Two previous winners, Elvin and Ahmed, had the luck of the draw and had byes in the first round, with Ahmed sure to bat second in each round. The first round saw a shock result, young Irsalan Ahmed, 8 years old and benefitting from 10 extra runs, beating Muzaffar, dismissing him twice in consecutive balls (each dismissal costs 6 runs). In the second round, new boy Chaudhuri beat Elvin and Ahmed beat Onions (with 10 extra runs). Other games went as expected. Chaudhuri and Ahmed both won their semi-finals to meet in the 3 over final. Chaudhuri started well but then a drive to mid-on was brilliantly caught one-handed by Muzaffar to turn the match in Ahmed's favour, especially as Chaudhuri was bowled next ball trying to make up for the previous one. He eventually made 10, which Ahmed easily beat, making 23, winning for the third consecutive year and for the fourth time in total. Congratulations Imtiaz! Towards the end of the day, several players were feeling the heat as they were fasting for Ramadan, many thanks to them for turning up so that there were enough players to hold the competition.