

## The Eifion Jones Single Wicket Competition at Preveffin on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Single Wicket competition was held on a glorious day, with the temperature around 30 degrees.

Thirteen players were signed up for the competition but one player was ill and another failed to turn up, leaving only eleven. Fortunately, Steve Hancock had kindly volunteered to field and turned back the clock with some impressive fielding.

As a result there were only 3 first round matches with 5 byes to the second round.

The first round draw paired up Jacob Walker with Imtiaz Ahmed. The bookies did not give Jacob much of a chance of winning! Imtiaz, set -8 to win, scored 2. Phani Sripada (9) was eliminated by Saby Siddhanta (16) and Saud Ahmed (-9) was eliminated by Chris Onions (8).

In round 2, Saby played Imtiaz and scored an impressive 27 but Imtiaz scored 20 off the first over and with his +3 bonus runs scored the 5 runs required off the second over to win. Vukan Grujovic, who had never played cricket before, was drawn against Daniel Manchala, who had persuaded him to play. Vukan scored -2 and Daniel won comfortably with 12. Chris scored 21 to beat Abdullah Saeed, who scored 11. Dawood Ahmed scored just 2 against Matthew Martin, who won comfortably with a score of 30. Unfortunately during the round Steve was injured and then felt unwell and the CERN ambulance had to be called and he was taken to hospital. Fortunately it was not as serious as first thought. This meant that the rest of the competition was played without an umpire, the wide and lbw decisions being made by the wicket keeper and the batsman at the bowler's end.

In the first semi-final, Imtiaz, batting first, scored 19 and Daniel scored 24 to go through to the final. In the other semi-final, Chris (22, using his +10 bonus runs in this round) was beaten by Matthew (26).

In the final, which is three overs each, Daniel scored 21 but Matthew made 45, despite being out twice.

Congratulations to Matthew for his well-deserved first win in the competition.

Many thanks to all the participants, the competition was played in the right spirit and was a very enjoyable day.