

The Eifion Jones Single Wicket Competition at Preveasin on Sunday, August 29th, 2021

After being unable to hold the competition in 2020 due to CoVid-19 restrictions, the Single Wicket competition took place on a beautiful day with 17 players participating in the first cricket played at our home ground in the 2021 season.

Having more than 16 players meant that one preliminary round match was necessary. Pardeep Kumar played Partha Paul and Pardeep was eliminated after making the lowest score (-26) ever seen in the competition.

In the first round, the biggest difference in the scores was Pascal Badan (-10) versus Leo Joseph (38). Then brothers Saud and Dawood Ahmed played each other, with Saud winning comfortably. A surprise winner was 13 years old Hugo Elder (14) winning against Irsalan Ahmed (-8). Jibrán Shabbir (38) and Bilal Kiani (30) was a close fought and high scoring match, followed by Nelson Burrell (27 including his 10 bonus runs) winning against 15 years old Louis Brittain. Father and son, Steve and James Baker were drawn against each other, both scored 7 and both were out once so James progressed by winning a coin toss.

In round 2, Saud (12) beat Leo Joseph (6), Ibtisam Aslam beat Hugo, Partha Paul (10) beat James Baker (4) and Jibrán (26) beat Nelson (4) to progress to the semi-finals.

In the first semi-final, Saud (21) progressed to the final against Ibtisam (2) and in the second semi-final Partha Paul (21) was eliminated by Jibrán, who scored 45, the highest of the day.

The final, which is three overs each, saw Saud score 15 but Jibrán, batting second, had already scored 31 off the first two overs, getting out once but hitting five sixes and played out a maiden last over.

Congratulations to Jibrán for winning the trophy for the first time, after being runner-up in 2019!

Thanks to Chris Onions for umpiring all day and to Colin Carter for standing as square leg umpire for part of the day.

Many thanks to all who participated, in particular the youngsters, Hugo Elder, Sam and James Baker and Louis Brittain, and their fathers Steve Brittain and Mark Baker, without whose presence we wouldn't have been able to hold the competition. The youngsters fielding and catching were excellent all day.

The score cards, results and photos are available on the web site.