



Press Release
Guernsey Cricket Board
Barclays Wealth Evening League
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Another season of Evening League cricket starts next week and, once again the GCB are grateful to be able to offer cricket every weeknight through until September with the generous support of Barclays Wealth. This is now the sixth year of the partnership and has seen much change in the Evening League format.

This year sees the 39 teams entered playing across 4 Divisions with 9 teams in Barclays Wealth Evening League 1. The player restrictions seen in 2010 have been lifted and, it will therefore be interesting to see how this changes the order of things in the top tier. Another change in 2011 will see all teams in Barclays Wealth Evening League 1 being required to wear coloured clothing. This is something that was being moved to, to compliment the white ball used.

The season will start on 26 April with EL2, EL3 and EL4 seeing action with games at KGV, Port Soif, MF and LMDC. 2010 EL1 Champions Odey Rovers start EL1 off on 5 May at Port Soif. Investec Colombians start their first campaign in EL1 on 11 May and having shot up through the Leagues it will be interesting to see how they go this season with the 'big boys'.

The number of overs and bowling restrictions will continue to be kept in line with t20 cricket in EL1 and EL2 whilst in EL3 and EL4 these have been eased to reflect the more social side of play here.

During May the Weekend League 'hybrid' sides will compete for the Dave Fisher Memorial Evening League Trophy playing on grass each Tuesday night. The format sees a round robin competition and Final on Tuesday 24th May at Port Soif.

Once again the highly popular Barclays Wealth Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award will be followed closely by all across local media and at www.guernseycricket.com. Each month there will be a prize issued in conjunction with Barclays Wealth based on the running scores. At the end of the season GCB will then announce the overall Divisional winners at the Barclays Wealth GCA Annual Awards Dinner. This will be held on Friday 4th November at The Farmhouse with several top name cricketers present to help with the presentations.

The season will come to a climax with the Promotion and Relegation Playoffs in early September to determine the teams who will take the second spots up and down.

GCB Chief Executive Mark Latter commented on the new season, “every April we look forward with anticipation to a new season and, with the current good weather it cannot come soon enough. A number of our juniors are now coming through into EL cricket and it will be good to see how they acquit themselves. EL1 will again be interesting and with the restrictions on the ‘elite’ players gone, subject to their availability it should see some good match ups this season. Once again I am grateful to George Smith and his team at Barclays Wealth for all their support in making some 342 games happen once again this season.”

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