

MCCC Newsletter August Edition 2006

Welcome everyone, new and old members, to the MCCC August newsletter for season 2006. The League season is now completed. We finished second in the League. We still have a couple of games to play against touring teams and also have the French Cup to play for and that gives us a chance to take on Riviera and Entrecasteaux again before the season ends.

Completed Fixtures:

Monte Carlo vs. Entrecasteaux Sunday July 23rd

Result: Lost, Entrecasteaux won the toss on a hot, hot, hot day and elected to bat first. Unfortunately our fielding and our catching let us down badly. Players who had two and three chances managed to get them to a good total after we had them 3/60. We did very well at the end of the innings though, despite our poor catching, to hold Entrecasteaux to 7/234 off their 35 overs, a total we thought we could achieve. On the bowling front Mark O'Brien bowled brilliantly 3/21 off his 7 overs well supported by Terry Allen, 2/48 off his 7 overs.

Batting wise, we didn't get the start we wanted unfortunately and slumped to 5/60, before finally reaching the total of 154. Ed Porter batted very well for his 42, Neil Savage was 34*, Mark O'Brien 20. But the highlight of the game was the magnificent 6 hit by Muneeb that went sailing over the square leg boundary into the bush land and he finished making a wonderful cameo of 16 including that magnificent shot.

Man of the Match Mark O'Brien.

Monte Carlo vs. Riviera Sunday August 13th

Result Win: The day started badly when we found out at 9.30am that our beloved Captain was not to play in the game as he was stranded in the United Kingdom as a result of the flight chaos at Heathrow Airport. Undeterred onwards we went, Ed Porter stood in as Captain and his first decisive moment was when he won the toss and Monte Carlo decided to bat first.

We managed a respectable 195 in total, being bowled out in the last over. **Our best batsman were**, Harry Bristow 37, Neil Savage 37 and Terry Allen 26, with solid efforts from Muneeb 12 and Gilbert Clark 18. Gilbert's batting effort was cut short after being struck a blow on the face causing him to go to hospital for treatment which resulted in 4 stiches.

So we started our bowling effort minus our number one strike bowler and with only 10 fielders. Captain Porter in a wonderfully calculated move handed the new ball to the old stager in Terry Allen and the young buck Christine Everson and after their spells were completed, Riviera were out the game being reduced to 4/22 of 14 overs and in loads of trouble.

We then faced some spirited resistance as the score then moved 86, before Yaspal who was masterfully introduced into the attack by Captain Porter. He produced two wonderful, consecutive deliveries, dismissing 2 off Rivieras better batsman and slumping them to 6/86. To our surprise Gilbert returned to the field to assume his lead role as our main strike bowler and proceeded to remove the remaining batsmen to allow us to dismiss Riviera for 129.

The best bowling for Monte Carlo was as follows: Gilbert Clark 3/12, Terry Allen 2/11, Christin Everson 2/14, Harry Bristow 1/15 and Yaspal 2/31.

Man of the Match, without doubt the old man of the team, Terry Allen for his wonderfully crafted 26 and a fine bowling spell of 7 overs 3 maidens, 2 wickets for 11 runs.

Current Batting and Bowling Averages and Aggregates Season 2006

	<u>Inngs</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>HS</u>	<u>AGG</u>	<u>Aver</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>runs</u>	<u>Aver</u>
Nick Thomas	4	-	20	30	7.50	5	174	32.80
Shea Parnell	4	1	82*	134	43.50	2	185	92.50
Ed Porter	5	1	42	118	29.50			
Terry Allen	5	-	50	124	24.80	6	170	28.66
Harry Bristow	2	-	37	37	18.50	2	64	32.00
Neil Savage	5	4	48*	194	194.00			
Muneeb MALik	5	-	16	70	14.00	2	107	53.50
Gilbert Clark	4	2	27*	45	22.50	9	169	18.77
Dan Talbot	3	-	28	60	20.00	3	95	31.66
Mark O'Brien	2	-	46	66	33.00	4	129	32.25
Addy Lee	1	-	64	64	64.00	1	33	33.00
Hassan	2	-	12	21	10.50			
Chris Everson	2	-	12	16	8.00	2	50	25.00

Upcoming Fixtures:

The following Fixtures are to be played in the coming weeks:

Sunday August 27th vs. Cedars to be played at Saint Valier.

Sunday September 10th vs. Riviera to be played at Saint Valier.

Can all players who wish to participate please contact our Captain Shea Parnell at the following email address to confirm your availability.

Can you please do this ASAP so we can establish our numbers for both games.

Shea Parnell - Sheaparnell@hotmail.com

Season Fees

The Club needs the valued and continued support of its membership. For locals subs it will remain at Euro 50.00 for the year. If you are unable to get to the AGM and pay then, would you kindly send a cheque made out to "Monte Carlo Cricket Club" for 50 Euro. If you haven't paid as yet we would appreciate if you could do so very quickly. UK based members should please make out a cheque for £15.00 payable to Ed Porter.

Cheques should be sent to:-

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Website

We have a website now, any information that you may require you can find on the website including all upcoming fixtures and social events. If you have any information that you would like to add to the website or any information you think would add value please feel free to contact the Club with your suggestion. The website can be found at the following address: We have also added some lovely new features to the site and it makes great reading for everyone.

<http://www.mccricket.com>

Cheers

MCCC Committee

