



ICC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Division 2 Belgium (T20)
20-25 June 2011



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- Quantity and quality of participation
- Meaningful competition
- Cricket in commercial demand

Message from ICC Regional Development Manager – Europe

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all teams, players and officials to Belgium for the inaugural T20 format of the ICC European Division 2 Championship. The winner and runner-up will confirm the two remaining teams to compete in the ICC European Division 1 Championship in July when the 12 teams will be fighting for the two places in the ICC World Twenty20 Global Qualifier next March in UAE.

This brand new structure of European T20 cricket continues here in Belgium with any of these 11 teams potentially playing in the ICC World Twenty20 2012 in Sri Lanka.

This year's event will see the national squads from Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, Hellas, Isle of Man, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Sweden. There will be four venues that Cricket Belgium will be using to host the tournament, and my sincere thanks to those clubs and all their volunteers for making this event such a success. My thanks go to Martin O'Connor, Tournament Organiser and his team for their tireless hard work.

We are thoroughly looking forward to Division 2 and the continual excitement of T20 cricket throughout Europe this summer. I hope you all enjoy this great opportunity.

Yours sincerely



Richard Holdsworth
ICC Regional Development Manager - Europe



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Tournament Welcome

On behalf of everyone involved in Belgian cricket, I offer all of our visitors – players and officials – a very warm welcome to our country.

This new focus on T20 in Europe provides us all with a number of challenges, not least of which is successfully adapting our play to the short form of the game. Should cricket become an Olympic sport in the future it is this form or something very similar which will no doubt be played. In the meantime, we all now have an opportunity to raise our game and challenge for those two places in Division One.

Although most of your time here will be spent immersed in cricket, we hope that some of you at least get an opportunity to experience something of what Belgium has to offer.

We trust that you enjoy your stay here and, most of all, enjoy your cricket.



Marc Vandereviere
Chairman, Cricket Belgium



Host Country

Belgium

The Belgian Cricket Federation is an Associate Member of the International Cricket Council, a founding Member of the former European Cricket Council and, since June 2009, a Member of the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee.

Operating as Cricket Belgium, the federation organises senior and junior League cricket, selects and manages national squads at all age levels, provides coaching and coaching qualification courses, supports and assists its member clubs and places its main emphasis on junior development.

Recent research has indicated that the sport of cricket may well have begun in Flanders, the northern part of what is now Belgium. Beginning in the 14th century, Flemish weavers and shepherds emigrated to southern England and are believed to have taken cricket with them.

The first recorded cricket match in what is now Belgium pre-dates the country itself by some 16 years. This took place at Enghien, some 30 km south of Brussels, and was played by British Guards officers six days before

the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. Commemorative matches have been played to mark the 150th and 175th anniversaries.

In the early 20th century a Belgian Cricket Federation was formed, pre-dating the current federation by some 85 years and lasting until 1942. A triangular tournament was played in Brussels in 1910 five years after the country's first international fixture against the Netherlands in 1905.

In 1990 the Belgian Cricket Federation was re-established. Belgian leagues began in 1991 with one division, expanded to two in 1995, three in 2000 and four in 2007. In 2011 a T20 Cup was introduced and the League reduced to three divisions again in order to accommodate the additional T20 matches.



Tournament Venues

Hombeek (Mechelen)

Host Club: Mechelen CC

Address: Hombekerouter, 2811 Hombeek



Lasne

Host Club: Royal Brussels CC

Address: Chemin des Messes 39, 1380 Lasne



Mariakerke (Ghent)

Host Clubs: Arcadians CC Ghent & Gent CC

Address: Domein Claeys-Bouuaert, Notenstraat, 9030 Mariakerke



Ostend

Host Clubs: Ostend CC & Ostend Exiles CC

Address: 't Schorre, Steensedijk 23, 8400 Oostende



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Tournament Personnel

Tournament Director: Philip Hudson
Tournament Referee: Ray Holyer
Tournament Host Organiser: Martin O'Connor

Umpire Manager: Doug Ferguson
Umpires: Alex Adams (Ireland), John Andrews (Ireland), Richard Eames (Belgium), Lee Goldsmith (Ireland), Ron Graham (Spain), Allan Haggo (Scotland), Bart Hartong (Denmark), Lindsay Horne (Scotland), Ben Lougheed (Luxembourg), Bill McPate (Scotland), John Mountford (Guernsey), Mike Rawle (Malta).

Web Managers: Rod Lyall, Barry Chambers, Sander Tholen.

Duckworth Lewis Operators: Marik Bijl, Dave Hardy, Raghu Bhagirath, Wisnu Datadin.

Scorers: Sunny Laddha (Austria), Gina Kearns (Belgium), Claire Sunderland (Cyprus), Maija Scamans (Finland), Michael Revis (Hellas), Ken Nisbet (Isle of Man), Mick Swithinbank (Luxembourg), Pierre Naudi (Malta), Sandy Buccimazza (Portugal), John Howden (Spain), Judith van der Wenden (Sweden).

Tournament Match Schedule

Group One

Isle of Man
Portugal
Cyprus
Luxembourg
Finland

Group Two

Spain
Belgium
Malta
Austria
Hellas
Sweden

Monday, June 20

10.30

Cyprus v Finland (Ghent)
Isle of Man v Luxembourg (Ostend)
Malta v Hellas (Mechelen)
Spain v Sweden (Royal Brussels)

15.30

Belgium v Austria (Mechelen)
Sweden v Hellas (Royal Brussels)

Tuesday, June 21

10.30

Portugal v Luxembourg (Royal Brussels)
Cyprus v Isle of Man (Ghent)
Malta v Spain (Mechelen)

15.30

Luxembourg v Cyprus (Royal Brussels)
Belgium v Sweden (Ghent)
Spain v Austria (Mechelen)

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Wednesday, June 22

10.30

Finland v Portugal (Royal Brussels)
Malta v Austria (Ghent)
Hellas v Belgium (Ostend)

15.30

Finland v Isle of Man (Royal Brussels)
Sweden v Malta (Ghent)
Hellas v Spain (Ostend)

Thursday, June 23

10.30

Portugal v Isle of Man (Mechelen)
Luxembourg v Finland (Ghent)
Belgium v Spain (Royal Brussels)
Austria v Sweden (Ostend)

15.30

Portugal v Cyprus (Mechelen)
Belgium v Malta (Royal Brussels)
Austria v Hellas (Ostend)

Friday, June 24

10.30

A1st v B2nd
A2nd v B1st
A5th v B6th

15.30

A3rd v B4th
A4th v B3rd

Saturday, June 25

10.30

3rd/4th Play-off (Royal Brussels)
5th/6th Play-off
B5th v B6th

14.30

Final (1st/2nd Play-off) Royal Brussels
7th/8th Play-off
B5th v A5th

Country Profile

Sweden

Fresh from winning the Division 3 Championships in Slovenia in mid-May, Sweden was promoted to Division 2 and now takes part in these Championships.

There are currently 13 clubs playing in the national cricket league of Sweden, which became an affiliate member of the International Cricket Council in 1997.

Sweden took part in the ECC Trophy, a tournament for European affiliates on two occasions and returned to international tournaments at the ICC European Division 5 Championship in 2009 in Corfu where the squad finished second.



Country Profile

Austria

Austria enters the European Division 2 Tournament with a squad which blends youth and experience.

The team is looking forward to competing with other European Countries in the T-20 format having returned to international competition for the first time in seven years in 2009 at the 50-over European tournament in Cyprus.

The team is managed by Rajeev Sharma and coached by Neil MacRae.

The players are excited about the opportunity of representing Austria now a divisional structure has been developed for European T20 cricket.

Belgium offers a new cricket environment in which to test their T20 skills and will allow the squad to gain exposure to competing under tournament conditions.

Since most of the opponents are an unknown quantity, the tournament promises to be a great learning experience and an exciting week of cricket.



Country Profile

Cyprus

With a squad average age of 29 years, Cyprus is banking on experience for a promotion to Division 1. The nucleus of the team remains the same that tasted success in the European Division 4 Championships in Cyprus two years ago; however, there are some exciting additions to the squad that hopefully, will increase the overall strength of the team.

The re-structuring of the ICC Europe tournaments mean that Cyprus will continue its cricketing rivalry with Austria, Finland, Luxembourg, and Switzerland who Cyprus last played in September 2009 in the Division 4 championships in Cyprus.

The team has worked hard coming in to the tournament and has had a heavy training schedule. The players are excited after learning that if they are successful they have a chance of playing in a global tournament and

are thankful to the fantastic opportunity to realise the dream. Cyprus has invested heavily in to youth cricket over years and in George Papaonisiferou, there is a home grown talent who has previously represented the country in a Junior European Championship. Papaonisiferou is a prime example of a successful youth program and one that will be able to perform in European tournament.



Country Profile

Finland

Finland's cricket team has seen a group of young home-grown players graduate to the National Team. Many of the present group were part of the team which represented Finland in the European Indoor Championships at home, in Kuortane, in 2008 and at the ICC European Division 4 Championship 2009 in Cyprus.

It bodes well for Finnish cricket that a solid core of players is maturing together. Jonathan Scamans continues his duties as captain and is hoping that the experience gained during the 2009 campaign will be bonus for this tournament. He is ably supported by the vice-captain Obaidullah Sadiqui and some of the more experienced players such as Amrik Bhatia, Ekhpelwak Kuchey and Michael Shaw.

A good result in this tournament will be essential for promoting cricket to schools in Finland. It would be a boost for our national leagues to produce some good quality cricket despite not yet regularly playing on grass. We await our first game on our new National Ground in Kerava, near Helsinki, this summer.



Country Profile

Hellas

Cricket appears historically in Corfu, which was then under the British rule, on 23 April 1823 with a match between officers of the British Navy and the Garrison. Just 12 years were needed for the Corfiots to learn the game and start taking on the British.

Highlights in the period before the First World War were the 1904 season with the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet attending the cricket festival with between 30-40 ships. Later, in the 1932 season, the Prince of Wales was on board on the battleship Queen Elizabeth when a total of 45 ships were present.

The cricket writer R.A. Roberts once wrote about Corfu: "No cricketer's education is complete until, besides Australia, he has visited this island..."

The Hellenic Cricket Federation was founded in 1996 and now numbers 21 clubs. The Senior National team has many wins in several European Championships with its latest success first place at the ICC-Europe Championship Division 5 in 2009.

T20 is totally new to European competitions. We can expect new tactics, more attractive cricket and above all, the new pathway to the ICC World Twenty20.



Country Profile

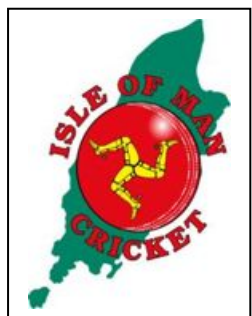
Isle of Man

Although cricket has been played by various clubs on the island since late in the 19th century, the Isle of Man Cricket Club was eventually formed in April 1930. The word "Club" was in time swapped for "Association". Many years affiliation to Lancashire County Cricket Board was eventually replaced by full international recognition in July 2004 when the Isle of Man Cricket Association were elected as the 90th member of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Cricket is now one of the country's main summer sports, having in 2008 been granted Key Community Sport status by the government body Manx Sport and Recreation. This helped enable the IOMCA to take a great stride forward in the development of the sport by appointing its first full time Development Officer in summer

2008. Isle of Man compete in ECC competitions, having so far participated at senior, Under 19, and Under 15 levels. It also competed at Under 17 level for the first time in 2008.

Membership of The IOMCA comprises 13 clubs and there are some 700 players (senior and junior) registered.



Country Profile

Luxembourg

Luxembourg's first cricket team, Optimists CC, was founded in 1976. In 1991 the original small ground was replaced by the Pierre Werner ground, which has become one of the best in the region. In 1994 the Luxembourg Cricket Federation was founded and joined the then European Cricket Federation. The LCF has seven member clubs and runs outdoor and winter indoor leagues. OCC also still plays in the Belgian league.

Junior cricket has gone from strength to strength. Various age-groups train regularly, and the Optimists Under-15 team has just completed its first season in the Belgian League, performing well against strong opposition. Junior teams also went on successful tours to Denmark and France. Finally, the junior training camp in August has now become an established event, and in 2010 was attended by some 50 boys and girls of all ages.

Luxembourg made its European tournament debut in 2003 and results in subsequent tournaments have steadily improved. A Luxembourg squad had its first taste of international T20 cricket last June in a tournament organised by the KNCB. The warm-up game brought a win, but the official games against France, Belgium and Netherlands 'A' all ended in defeat, although Luxembourg was the only team to bowl winners France out within the 20 overs. The team is again captained by William Heath, who has lived in Luxembourg since the age of two and learned his cricket there, and is managed by former ECC tournament umpire Bryan Rouse.



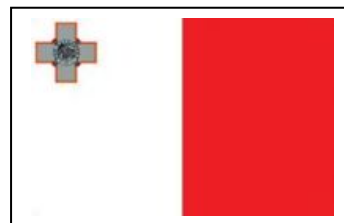
Country Profile

Malta

Malta is a founder member of European Cricket and has competed in European competitions since 1989, having missed only one campaign. It has reached the semi-final stages on four occasions in 1997, 2001, 2003 and 2007.

The year 2011 will be the start of a new era, a blend of experienced campaigners and seven new faces, drawn from the eight clubs that participate in the local summer and winter leagues.

The Malta Squad has made many friends throughout Europe culminating in the 'Spirit of Cricket' award in its last outing in 2009. This warm Mediterranean camaraderie has been tasted by many touring teams as well. Malta look forward to renewing acquaintances and making new friends.



Country Profile

Portugal

Portuguese cricketers have eagerly anticipated the 2011 ICC European Division II Championship. Some fresh faces seek to relive the successes of the 1999 and 2001 tournaments.

The domestic season of 2011 has included a T20 tournament for the first time in the Lisbon league, and is being hotly contested by five teams. The annual Kendall Cup is due to be played in Porto and it will be the 150th game between Porto and Lisbon and the 85th Kendall Cup. The Lisbon team still holds the trophy and look forward to defending it in Porto.

Indoor Cricket is also alive and well in Lisbon. A hotly contested Indoor league takes place on an annual basis with five or six teams (including a junior side) competing. The 2010/2011 season saw Oeiras CC winning the league, and Kings of Punjab winning the Tournament final.

Restructuring of the Portuguese Cricket Federation with the development and promotion of cricket as its key aims is under way. This year has seen inroads in the development of Junior Cricket in Oleiras (in the Serra de Estrela), São Mamede (120 kms north of Lisbon) and Caldas de Rainha, as well into the sports faculty in Castelo Branco. A junior outdoor tournament is planned for the summer.

With the new competition in the league, 2011 will see new faces both on the field of play and behind the scenes determined to take Portuguese cricket further. It is this renewed enthusiasm that the national outdoor side looks to take into this year's tournament.



Country Profile

Spain

Cricket is first recorded as being played in Spain in the year 1809 by soldiers of General Lord Wellesley (later the Duke of Wellington). It was during the Peninsular War that the soldiers played the game in and around Ciudad Rodrigo, Lugo and Orense. From that date there are many records of the game being played by visiting British land and sea forces, either between themselves or against local British expatriate communities.

However, the game really started a new era in Spain with the founding of Madrid Cricket Club in 1975. The club was based on British and Indian players, but soon crossed other national lines when West Indians and eventually Spanish members joined. In the first years of its existence, Madrid had to content itself with playing against touring teams or teams from the British Embassy or the like, as there was no formal structure or regular opposition elsewhere in the country. On 24 June 1989, the first National Executive Committee of the AEC was formed at a meeting in Madrid, and the first steps were taken to unify all of the clubs in Spain.

In July 1992, 10 national European teams competed in "The European Cricketer Cup", of which Spain was a participating nation, at Worksop in the UK.. The year 1996 saw Spain accepted as a member of the European Cricket Federation and the new millennium saw Spain organise its first ECC Tournament, the 2000 Indoor, Since then Spain has hosted two more ICC Europe tournaments, the Under 15B championships in 2007 and in 2009 La Manga and Alfas del Pi were the venues for the European Division 3 championships.



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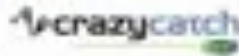




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