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the first fifty years...





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# Welcome

from Cobo CC Chairman, Brian Le Prevost



It seems quite amazing that Cobo Cricket Club has now reached its golden anniversary, what is even more astonishing is that I was there in those early days as a Grammar School student watching the 'Cobo Lads' enjoying themselves as they played their cricket on some very unsatisfactory surfaces.

I use the expression 'lads' loosely as a number of them were not in the first flush of youth. Yet from these humble beginnings it took only ten years for Cobo

Cricket Club to be crowned Evening League champions of Guernsey and that with a team consisting of mainly Cobo 'boys' whose prime objective was to enjoy cricket.

Undoubtedly Cobo proved to be exactly what was required for the Evening League with their exuberance, no mean talent and their superb supporters which was a revelation to the Evening League as well documented by Ernest Yates one of the Pessimist stalwarts [see page 32].

The club has experienced some difficult seasons when it seemed to lose the ethos of its origins but thankfully it has now regained the camaraderie of a local team and long may it continue to do so.

We have been very successful and innovative as a club in participating in the National Village Competition and the Jersey Knockout Cup as well as the local competitions at all levels and undoubtedly one of the most pleasing aspects is to see the young talent progress through the ranks to play for Guernsey.

It has been, personally speaking, a great joy to have been part of the Cobo 'innings' for the past fifty years and I hope that the club will continue to flourish and be successful for future generations, never losing its identity or enjoyment of the original concept which was to simply enjoy and participate in this wonderful game of cricket.

Thanks for the memories.

*Brian Le Prevost*



Cobo A 1963. Back row (left to right):  
B Le Prevost, G Pearson, T Thornton, A Shepherd, R Lucas, M Cleal  
front row: B Batiste, B Brouard, M Le Huray, M Mechem, D Batiste



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## The early years: 1955-56

by Don Batiste

A few of us, Maurice Le Huray and the brothers Batiste – John, Brian & Don – started playing cricket at Vazon on the common and also at Cobo Common in front of Jim Mechem's house. After we finished playing we all went to Rockmount for a drink and got talking about cricket to some of the lads who said they would be interested in playing.

Wil Williams, Baron Le Prevost, Micky Cleal, Baz Brouard, Roy Mechem, Norman De La Mare and Eddie Cockayne gave us enough players for a team.

In 1956 we formed a small committee,



Maurice Le Huray was made captain of the team and the committee decided on the name Rockmount CC.

We played friendlies against some campers who were on holiday in Guernsey, we played at Home Farm and

also at Saumarez Park. From Rockmount we took with us crates of VB as we had a few supporters. People like Percy Langlois, Ship Mechem, Harold Fairclough, Bert Cockayne, Ossie de Moulpied, so you can guess what a great time we had!

Winning was not that important then.

I can also remember playing against a pub side called the Brighton Arms. We

played in the Kings Mills area. More VB's were consumed that day – great fun.

In 1957 we played in the league in Division 3 at the Fort Field, this year saw us also change our name to Cobo Cricket Club.



John Batiste



Maurice Le Huray



Brian Batiste



# Cobo Cricket Club – 50 years old and still in ridiculously good health!

by John Le Poidevin

Time to celebrate those Golden Years. Time, especially, for the Golden Oldies to reflect on those very early days – stalwarts like Maurice Le Huray, Don Batiste. Wil Williams who were there at the start – and Mick Mechem, Brian Le Prevost soon after.

Yes, it was a group of youngsters from the Cobo area with links to the Rockmount Hotel that gathered on any patch of grass available to put bat to ball. Coaching would have been a foreign language to them, but what they didn't lack was a love of sport.

They formed a cricket club called Rockmount soon to change to Cobo CC when Bert Curr, landlord at the pub took the helm – the date 15 March 1958.



Former Rockmount landlord, Bert Curr.



Cobo A – 1971. Back row, left to right: J Le Poidevin, O Guille, D Batiste, G Queripel, G Callaway, M Le Huray, B Le Prevost; front row: R Roussel, M Fooks, M Mechem, A Shepherd, R Spensley.

Fast forward to the Guernsey Cricket League's Division One championship of 1967 and top of the pile was Cobo CC using a team of only fourteen players, most from those very early beginnings. It was Cobo's first championship success.

Yes, 50 years is a long time and Cobo's very existence – never mind it's arms length of trophy successes – owes much to the efforts of those mentioned above as well as others such as Rob Batiste, Geoff Queripel, the Le Lacheur brothers Barry and Geoff (Piper) and Hedley Tostevin to name a few.

It could be said that there were not too

many Island Stars among them – Mick Mechem being a notable exception – but Cobo Cricket Club is where it is today mainly because of those gentlemen. While plaudits are being handed out one name stands above everyone who has ever been involved with Cobo.

Brian Le Prevost has seen it all, done it all, with Cobo. His name features in the club minutes from the very early days and for many years he was president of the club.

He's still at the forefront and, with club president David Nussbaumer, the inspiration behind this special publication.

Cobo's ride through the decades has been mainly smooth and progressive but there were rough passages too and this is where "Prev" was a giant.

We go back to the AGM of 1979. The presidency was available and Brian was the only nominee. A man of principle he declared "I will only stand if certain members leave the club."

Obviously all was not well within the ranks. His ultimatum was rejected and he subsequently left the club for a very short while.

"Please come back Brian – as president" was the call. He did.

In this capacity he made his views clearly known. In difficult times the minutes recorded Brian saying: "I'm sorry that the club's name and sportsmanship is being questioned" – no details recorded.

And: "I don't like the spirit and effort put in by certain members of the senior team. I'd sooner see Cobo play in a proper manner only in Division Three."

Strong words, but they seem to have worked! But we digress.

The terms of membership were laid out at a meeting held in June 1957. An entrance fee of two shillings and sixpence

was demanded – or one shilling a week (old money, of course).

At the 1961 AGM it was decided to sign only fifteen players, "locals" to be given preference when selecting teams.

Cobo won promotion and Maurice Le Huray was captain for the club's first season (1962) in Division One with Don Batiste his vice captain.

At the 1964 AGM tribute was paid to David "Dido" Mechem – a young player with tremendous potential – who tragically died in a motor cycle accident. The

meeting also congratulated Mick Mechem on becoming the first Cobo player to be capped by his island.

Mr Curr stepped down as president in 1966 to be replaced by Mr R Pasquire.

Baz Brouard thought it would be a nice gesture for the club to present a small plaque or cup to the players who had won the 1967 championship. "The club can't afford it," said Honorary Financial Secretary Mick Mechem. End of discussion!

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Tom Graveney presenting the Division 1 shield to Cobo 1967

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## Cobo Cricket Club – 50 years old and still in ridiculously good health! continued...

Toni Nussbaumer, then landlord of Rockmount Hotel, became president in 1970. Vice-presidents were Wil Williams and Hedley Tostevin, the latter becoming a future president.

By this time the club became involved in the Afternoon League. A fixture against St Ouen of Jersey had started and it became a home and away affair – and a very much enjoyed one at that.

At his first meeting as president Mr Nussbaumer congratulated Geoff Callaway, Tony Shepherd and Mick Mechem on being selected to represent Guernsey against Jersey.

Maurice Le Huray stepped down as captain in 1972 and was replaced by Mick



Cobo B – 1977. Back row, left to right: J Tall, G Queripel, J Gore, A Barnett, D Chester, M Vaudin, J Le Poidevin; front row: B Le Sauvage, M Wherry, D Batiste, B Le Prevost, G Callaway.

Mechem. It was at this stage that Cobo entered a B team in Division Two.

The social side of cricket was of the utmost importance for Cobo players and supporters alike. The back bar of the Rockmount was a “must” after every Evening League match. House parties following Afternoon League matches also a feature.

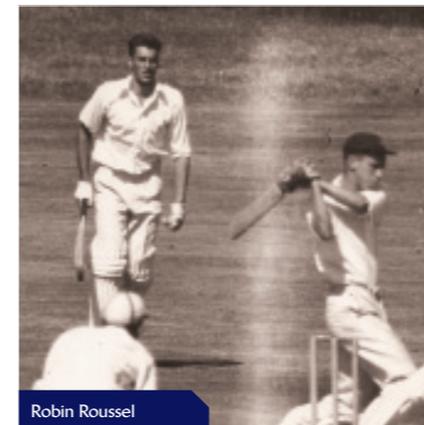
Beer at matches too. But at the 1976 AGM one certain star player expressed his annoyance that “the beer which was brought to games by kind individuals who became out of pocket because certain people were not honest enough to pay for what they had consumed.” Not too many

AGM's get these quotes in their minutes!

The 1977 AGM saw Hedley Tostevin stand down as president and he proposed John Le Poidevin who continued in the role for a few years.

Perhaps the most notable election at this meeting was Rob Batiste as first team vice-captain. Rob, of course, went on to serve the club with distinction for a long period and perhaps deserves to stand alongside Brian Le Prevost as Cobo's most important “servant”.

Mick Wherry and Maurice Le Huray had spells as club president before “Prev” took over in 1985 and continued into the new millennium.



Robin Rousel

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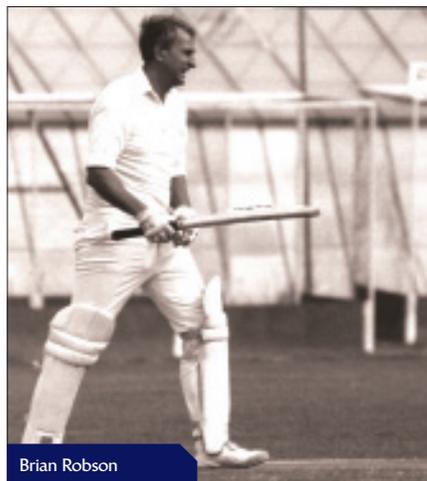
by Rob Batiste

In the modern era of Guernsey cricket no club has been more successful than our beloved Cobo.

Fifty years on from its very humble beginnings the club's first team has never suffered a relegation and in the period in question the trophies came thick and fast after an initial struggle.

As the 70s ended the club hit trouble. Behind the scenes it was not a happy camp and through nobody's fault the club was gradually losing its identity as a team for Cobo.

It still had its base at the Rockmount but spiritually we were drifting away from its



Brian Robson

origins. The mighty team – on paper – of the late 70s broke up with a fair degree of acrimony and when it did we were left with a young, generally inexperienced group of players.

Suddenly from challenging for the title, we were struggling. Fourth in 1979, sixth in 1980 and eighth a year later when we had to beat St Saviour's in a relegation play-off to stay up.

That was also the year when we managed to lose to Optis second string in the most remarkable climaxes to a knockout final you will ever see. But, without knowing it, we were laying the foundations for today's success. No club could compete with our togetherness. Whether it was myself or Jerry Cobb at the helm, we could count on a fantastic bunch of lads to give everything and later in the bar it made for precious happy times.

Brian Robson, Tony Robin, Steve Le Poidevin, David Nussbaumer, Gary Rich, Vince Kenny and Graham Marquand were at the heart of that.

Other clubs looked on at our organisation and spirit with envy and we had some very promising juniors just about to breakthrough – the Le Prevost boys,



The 1990 treble winners. Left to right: R Batiste, Mike Gatting, T Robin, M Fooks, K Batiste, N Hunter, V Kenny, G Rich, M Kerby, B Robson, M Poole, A Ayton, M Le Tissier

Matt Brehaut and Kevin Graham to name just four.

All the while, behind the scenes, dear old 'Basher' was dealing with the secretary work, Ghostie (Ian Hunter) the accounts.

We then signed our best overseas player: the West Australian Paul Butler who added sparkle both on and off the pitch.

We were full of bright ideas too. Playing in the Jersey cup competition was the first, tackling the National Village competition followed and we were the first club to buy a bowling machine with the aide of a grant from David.

The team slowly evolved.

Ever so sadly, we had to say goodbye to Steve Le P as his health worsened. We were all so sad to see this still young and talented all-rounder fall foul to a horrible disease.

But as he watched on from the sidelines, we gave him more and more wins to cheer.

In 1989 we finished just two points behind league champions Optimists and in 1990 with Tony Ayton brought in to enforce the three A's – Attitude, Application and Availability – we not only landed our first Afternoon League title but also won the first 'Upton' against

Sporting Club Francais of Jersey and the knockout.

Tony set new standards for the club and we are indebted to him for doing so.

Over the next decade the team just kept getting stronger, the trophies flooding in to the extent that we began to become jealously unpopular, a sure sign of success. A new generation of Cobo player has arrived but the strong 'village' link remains and as long as that is the case the club can be confident of continued good health.



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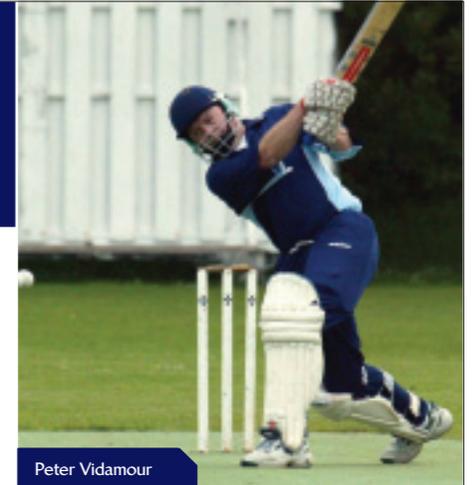


## Cobo 2000 onwards

by Gareth Le Prevost



Evening League Division 1 winners 2006



Peter Vidamour

**I**NTO a new Millennium and Cobo have continued to scale the heights of Channel Islands cricket.

There have been a couple of Evening League titles added to the already lengthy list as well as four consecutive GCA Cup triumphs where our fine overseas player Jeremy Frith has maintained an astonishing record of never having lost in the competition.

But without doubt the highlights of recent years have been the back-to-back CI Club Championship crowns.

During the years when it was played as a

straight knockout, we did not taste success. Since the change of format to an extended competition complete with group stage, we have not failed to reach the final, winning the first two.

Looking back to those occasions, it is gratifying to see that two Cobo boys through and through made the headlines.

Gary Rich has been one of our club's greatest servants and it was fitting that he should play such a pivotal role in one of our finest hours at the KGV on 2004 as he claimed five Optimists wickets for just 14 runs in a comprehensive nine-wicket victory.

Twelve months later, Stuart Le Prevost produced a captain's innings to help the side recover from a precarious 16 for three against Old Victorians at Grainville to reach 203, which proved to be 73 too many for the opposition. The skipper hit 75 to go with his 88 from the semi-final.

It seems incredible that Stuart will not reach 30 until this season has finished considering how long he has been part of the Cobo furniture, but I am sure it is pleasing to many Coboites to see him and David's talented sons, Jamie and Luke become integral cogs in our first team and having the Le Prevost and Nussbaumer names prominent on scorecards.

They are, though, just part of a skilled, youthful, evolving squad who we are fortunate to have at our disposal for the coming years and who seem set to keep the Rockmount shelves stocked with trophies.

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# Past Presidents

of Cobo CC, 1957-2007



1957

Mr Les Le Tissier



1958-65

Mr H Curr



1966-69

Mr R Pasquire



1970-72

Mr A Nussbaumer



1973-78

Mr H Tostevin



1979-80

Mr J Le Poidevin



1981

Mr M Wherry



1982-84

Mr M Le Huray



1985-2000

Mr B Le Prevost



2001 onwards

Mr R Batiste/



Mr D Nussbaumer



## Cobo 2000 onwards continued...

In such a significant and special year for our club, though, it is so important not to get engrossed totally by the achievements of the first team.

Even those who play such a huge part in our top side these days have served their apprenticeship down in the lower divisions where, most importantly, they learnt the Cobo way from some of the club's greats.

I remember dad taking me to watch Stuart's first game for a senior team, either C or even D, at La Mare de Carteret and the XI on that occasion included one

M. Mechem and no one there will ever forget TJ Ozanne's loss of temper – and a shoe into a ditch – at Victoria Avenue.

This season I have the privilege to captain the B team in which we house so many talented young players and even as I write this before the season, I know it is a privilege because having been their teammate last year, I realise that they simply want to enjoy their cricket.

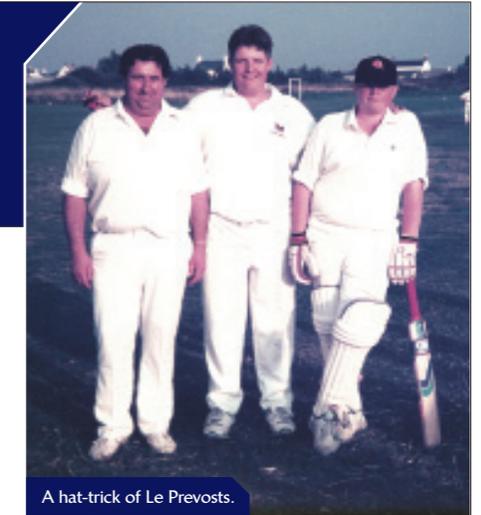
They play with a smile and already have an understanding of the typical Cobo banter. That, as always, seems to bring with it good results and already some silverware, yet that is not the be all and end all – the fun element is.

Yet, nothing for me personally will surpass the enjoyment of two years ago.

The memories of the Cobo dinner after the 2004 season are vivid when David told

a select few that he wanted to get the old boys back and have a Legends side as the club's third team. It was a masterstroke.

To have the opportunity to



A hat-trick of Le Prevosts.

feature alongside several Cobo icons, for want of a better word, such as David, Chessie, Tony Ayton, a couple of Le Tissiers et al, was an honour and it is great to see them back in action once again after an unfortunate year out.

Although I will be unable to join them on the field (it's not as if I qualify as a Legend yet anyway), I look forward to Sparrow regaling us with tales of how people left Cobo beach to visit La Mare de Carteret because they heard he was keeping wicket there. And yes Sparrow, that catch is still the greatest I have ever seen.

After all, we are a club for the past, the present and the future. While it is vital to cater for youngsters coming through the ranks, we cannot lose touch with those who have helped put Cobo on the firm foundation we have now.



Gary Rich



Jamie Nussbaumer

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## Cobo Away

by Mick Fooks

**C**OBO Cricket Club has not always been content to play in Guernsey during the last 50 years.

The club was one of the 'pioneers' in starting tours to Alderney when interest in cricket was being sparked once more in the Northern Isle!

Annual games were played against St Ouen's, Jersey, and later Cobo became the first Guernsey club to play in the Jersey Knock-Out.

However, arguably the most ambitious 'excursions' from Guernsey shores involved the club's participation in the Hague National Village in 1990.

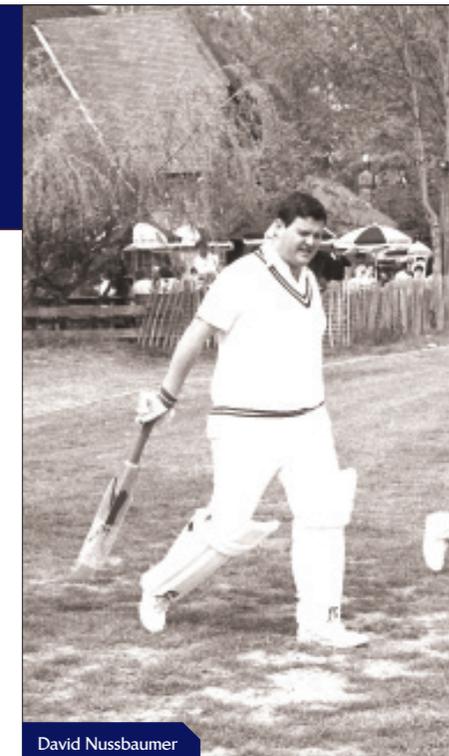
This drew national media coverage with pictures of players 'practising' on Cobo beach it had been finally agreed that the district of Cobo fitted the 'village' criteria – despite having water on one side. It could have been argued that many of the

UK teams were made up of players from English villages!

One late April day the team was en route to Fleet, Hampshire, for a game against Crown Taverners. Wonderful hospitality was received at a charming ground tucked not far from the M3 and some lasting friendships formed as the temperatures climbed into the 80s!

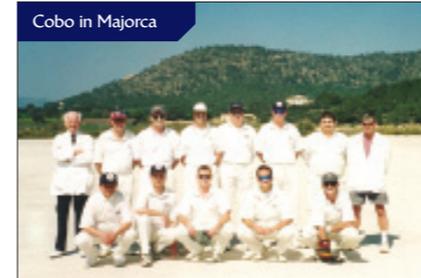
A Trislander aircraft was chartered to carry the team to their next game against Ellingham, near Ringwood, again in the 'home' county, Hampshire.

After a somewhat ill-tempered game Cobo found themselves facing the trip back



David Nussbaumer

Cobo in Majorca



Cobo in National Village Knock-Out

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## Cobo Away continued...



to Guernsey as the last excursion for that year in the competition.

Sides were reluctant or refused to fork out travel costs and the first home tie the following season against Upper Catford and Anna Valley was reported in the national media to be costing the home side £1,600 with a number of sponsors 'rallying' to the call.

A victory at KGV was followed by the prospect of an exciting trip to the birth-place of cricket – Hambledon Cricket Club.

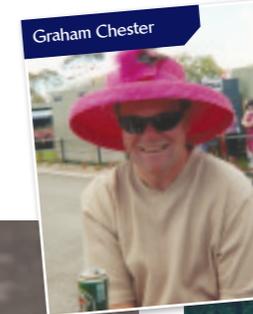
Hospitality at the local pub opposite – The Bat and Ball – was laid on before the game! Restraint, and dare one say it, abstinence, in the face of considerable temptation – with free wine on the table – was the order of the day as performance was paramount.

However, if anything, an even more ill-tempered match, with Gary Rich experiencing having his wicket thrown down as he

advanced for some 'gardening' being the 'highlight'. Something he will never forget!

Cobo finished up soundly beaten and the experience turned out to be their last match in the competition. Players were

reported, again in the national article, to be prepared to mortgage their houses if the club was successful in later rounds. But after the experience of the last two 'away' defeats nobody missed it.





**1967 – Evening League Division One Winners**

*Back row, left to right:* W Williams, A Shepherd, B Le Prevost, B Brouard, J Le Poidevin, R Lucas, B Batiste, J Mechem;  
*Front row:* J Martel, M Mechem, M Le Huray (Captain), D Batiste, R Queripel.

# The Winning Combinations



**1992 Treble Winners – Evening League Division One, Afternoon League Division One, GCA Knock-Out Cup**

*Back row, left to right:* A Ayton, M Fooks, B Robson, T Robin, C Le Tissier, V Kenny, M Kerby, M Poole, M Le Tissier;  
*Front row:* K Batiste, N Hunter, B Le Prevost, G Rich, R Batiste; *Inset:* K Le Tissier

**1998 – Evening League Division One Winners, Afternoon League Division One Winners, GCA Knock-Out Cup Winners, Trilander Trophy Winners**

*Back row, left to right:* M Fooks, T Robin, T J Ozanne, C Le Tissier, M Culverwell, M Poole, S Le Prevost  
*Front row:* M Brehaut, P Wakeford & Son, G Rich, G Kimber



**2005 – Evening League Division One Winners, GCA Knock-Out Cup Winners, Channel Island Club Championship Winners**

*Back row, left to right:* G Rich, J Nussbaumer, L Smyth, J Ferbrache, K Moherndl, M Renouf; *Front row:* S Le Prevost, M Oliver, P Vidamour, T J Ozanne, J Frith.





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## Fond memories

by John Le Poidevin



Back row, left to right: S Le Poidevin, D Nussbaumer, J Cobb, D Chester, M O'Hara, B Robson, I Fitchet, P Biggins; front row: M Wherry, K Allen, A Scott, R Batiste

Invited to pen a few paragraphs for this special publication, I thought it appropriate to list some of my cricket involvement prior to asking and being accepted into the Cobo Cricket Club fold.

I was hardly a spring chicken when I joined in 1965. But I had a lot of experience in playing, in administration and as a sports reporter.

At first my club was Pilgrims – an old Intermediate School (now Grammar) Club. I joined the Guernsey Press Company as a sports reporter in the summer of 1954 and was immediately transferred to the Press

CC for whom I played for 10 years, mainly in Division Two with the occasional season in the top division.

During this period I played many times for Guernsey Cricket League representative sides as well as Guernsey Island Cricket Club matches against Jersey and visiting clubs.

When interest waned within the Press CC I decided to chance my arm at a higher Evening League level. Cobo then were a top three Division One side. I thought my experience at Island level would be helpful to a Cobo side with boundless enthusiasm.

A year after I joined there was another signing – John Martel one of Guernsey's greatest sportsmen. What an inspiration he was, even though he was in his late 40s even early 50s.

I had long admired the former schoolmaster and it was a privilege to play alongside him – and the rest of the Cobo players of course – when the club won the first of its many Division One titles in 1967.

My personal recollections of playing for Cobo are, I'm afraid, rather limited even though I spent many happy years with the Club as player, committee man and eventually president.

One thing I'll never forget, however, was the night Cobo won the championship. A narrow victory over St Saviour's gave us the necessary points and the celebrations started afterwards at the Rockmount back bar and after closing time continued at my



David Nussbaumer in typical style

## Fond memories continued...

De Beauvoir house next to the KGV until the early hours.

Cobo players and supporters were a great bunch in those days. Cricket was played seriously, partying relentless.

Perhaps it might be appropriate to mention a few names – people who, in my opinion, played a major part in the success and strength of Cobo CC before and during my time.

Mick Mechem was the batting star with Tony Shepherd, Roy Lucas and Geoff Callaway the top class bowlers. Mick Fooks

arrived a little later and his enthusiasm and ability served the club superbly for many years. Robin Roussel, one of Guernsey's best, starred on the occasions his first love, sailing, enabled him to play.

Yes, these were the stars but many others made the club such a success.

Here players like Brian Le Prevost, Don Batiste, Brian Batiste, Maurice Le Huray – a fine captain – and Bas Brouard spring to mind.

Brian Batiste and Bas Brouard I mention not because of their cricketing prowess but



Relaxation



Cobo B

their sheer determination when fielding. Close to the bat there were an inspiration to others. And where would Cobo CC of today be without the support of people like Hedley Tostevin, Wil Williams, Geoff Queripel and the Le Lacheur brothers, Barry and Geoff?

I make no apology for naming those I regard as Cobo's best servants – bearing in mind they include those of my era and a couple beyond.

Top of the pile: Brian Le Prevost without doubt and in no particular order Don Batiste, Mick Mechem, Mick Fooks, Rob Batiste and David Nussbaumer, the latter two because they have been



Presentation

supporting players and workers since their push-chair days.

There are obviously others who have served the club with distinction during the past three decades. Perhaps they may get a mention in other pages of this booklet.

I'd like to make a brief comment about opponents. The personal battle I had with Ricky Mills and Bill Robilliard – bowler and wicketkeeper in Rover's heyday – was intense and enjoyable even though I may have come second overall! But my favourite opponents? No question – Tektronix. It was always competitive, always enjoyable – and the social side wasn't bad either!

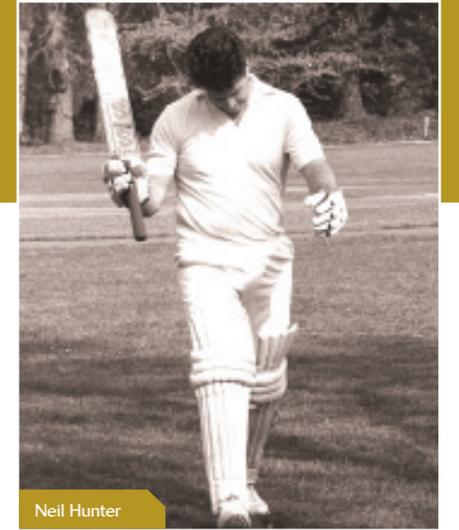
I'm sorry to say I'm completely out of touch with Guernsey cricket now – perhaps I was too closely involved for too long.

I am proud to have been involved and have perhaps derived as much pleasure with the decision side of cricket as playing. Being elected president of the GCL was a highlight as was my involvement in the setting up of the first Guernsey – Jersey

League inter-insular which became Guernsey v Jersey and establishing with Bryan Preston, Simon Hollyer-Hill and Frank Forley, the Afternoon League.

I'm pleased Cobo are still a major force in Guernsey cricket 50 years on during which the sport has moved on tremendously.

Congratulations to all concerned.



Neil Hunter



Celebration!



Back row, left to right: V Kenny, C Le Tissier, M Culverwell, M Poole, A Robin, S Le Prevost, S Fooks; front row: G Kimber, G Rich, P Wakeford, P Vidamour

# Cobo's Best Ever Team

by Mick Fooks

Not an easy task when you think back on all the talented players who have represented Cobo over the last 50 years.

I have tried to be objective and deliberately not gone out to pick a team more suited to the shorter Evening League format compared with the longer afternoon league and Knock-Out games which now require a different approach.

I have taken into account what each player may be able to offer either format, and I have considered the advances in fielding, along with the techniques now needed to make a mark with the level of cricket we are now currently playing.

Don't get me wrong I am a great one to recall some of the feats in the past but the demands of the game have progressed/developed in such a way that some names in the past would struggle to gain the acclaim they rightly received in today's game!

I will not enter the argument as to whether cricket was better 30/40 years ago than it is today. One thing is for sure you cannot stand still.

## OPENING BATS: Micky Mechem and Matt Oliver

Four players were fighting for these two spots. Micky Mechem is a stalwart of Cobo and his name was synonymous with the club throughout the 60s and 70s as Cobo became a force in Island cricket.



The diminutive player's flashing square cut, executed with both feet off the ground, and remains one of local cricket's memories. He could adapt to all formats of the game and what settled things for me was the make-up of the side. I can also recall 'Tico's' underestimated bowling, which helped make up a fifth bowler in KO



competitions, and he rarely let you down with his ability to bowl line and length and keep the batsmen guessing as he moved it both ways in the same vein as Mike Kinder.

His opening partner was John Le Poidevin, and, on his day, J Le P had the eye and shots to take any attack apart. In the modern game Peter Vidamour also has the ability to take any attack apart on his day, while his consistent slip and close catching would have given him the nod.

However, I have opted for Matt Oliver – my reasons:

A left hander

Also capable of taking any attack apart with an array of shots.

A good wicket-keeper, if required, also capable fielder close and deep and perhaps most importantly come through the ranks of the modern limited over game with the coaching/advice which has gone with it. The way his game has developed he has obviously listened and not satisfied with 100s is capable of bigger scores!

## No 3 Jeremy Frith

In my mind the most 'complete' player to represent Cobo and Guernsey.

A great reader of the game as a batsman he has all the shots and is a great improviser and builder of partnerships – exuding

confidence/pacing the innings with his partner.

His left arm spin, on his day, can be a match winner and his fielding in all positions, including speed to the ball is second to none locally.



Cobo's Greatest	
HOME CLUB	
CHOSEN BY Mick Fooks	
BATSMEN	
	TIME IN
1	M Mechem
2	M Oliver
3	J Frith
4	R Roussel
5	S. Le Prevost
6	W Barrett
7	G Rich
8	A Shepherd
9	M Renouf
10	J Ferbrache
11	G Callaway
12	Robin Winstone

also in the running . . .



## No 4 Robin Roussel

An automatic choice – all those who played with and watched RCN – recognise this was a talent which could have played

at a higher level. The elegance of his shot making was a joy to behold. Sides looked to get him early because if you did not you knew you were in trouble. My earliest recognition and introduction to cricket was as a young schoolboy in 1953 watching RCN reach three figures against Victoria College and depositing more than one six over the trees at Rue a L'Or.

## No 5 Stuart Le Prevost

This home produced player is one of the finest talents to come out



of Guernsey in this era. Again, capable of taking any attack apart, he has the full range of shots.

Strong on the leg side, this sometimes gets

him out when he looks set for a big score, but what most people would give for his ability and timing!

Another player who has benefited from modern coaching/management he has taken in all that has been on offer and more and there is no safer pair of hands in local cricket.



## No. 6 Warren Barrett

There is no doubt in my mind that Cobo has, at different times, had access to the three of the best all-rounders to play in Guernsey for the last 50 years, Frithy, Warren and Gary Rich.

Warren could turn the ball prodigiously, and on some uncovered wickets in his prime was almost unplayable. His presence intimidated Jersey for the best part of two decades and he was also a top class batsman with a magnificent ability to hook!

Up there among the top first slips I have played with!



## No 7 Gary Rich

Arguably the player who has produced the most for Cobo in the last 50 years.

The first name on this team sheet. The all-rounder started out as a medium pace bowler

but had the foresight to listen and adapt to become a high class spinner who gives it a considerable 'rip'.

It is difficult to remember the number of innings 'Stan' has produced when Cobo have been struggling and there can be no opponents in Guernsey or Jersey for that matter who have not come across one of his rear-guard actions.

Whether playing second fiddle to an attacking batsman, or shepherding the tail, he inevitably has the ability to keep compiling runs, producing an array of powerful shots. There are few more graceful sights than his cut – played square or behind the wicket.

He has always worked extremely hard at his game and fitness and sets himself very high standards in all aspects of his game.

Cobo's Greatest	
HOME CLUB	
CHOSEN BY Rob Batiste	
BATSMEN	
	TIME IN
1	M Mechem
2	M Webber
3	R Roussel
4	S Le Prevost
5	J Frith
6	G Rich
7	P Butler
8	M Fooks w/k
9	T Shepherd
10	G Callaway
11	M Colverwell

# Cobo's Best Ever Team

continued...



## No 8 Tony Shepherd

When it comes to fast bowling there are a number of players who come into contention – Tony, Geoff Callaway, Dave Bonner

and Mark Culverwell.

Not particularly fast in his later years, AG was always consistent and many in this era likened his performances to Brian Statham. He also had the ability to produce an unplayable ball.

He gave little away and his partnership

with Geoff Callaway backs up the theory that the best fast bowlers 'hunt' in pairs.

I have put Tony batting at eight, and in the shorted game he was often used as a pinch hitter – yes they did exist back then! He could do a lot of damage in a short space of time



## No 9 Mark Renouf

This position gave me the biggest headache. Should we have another batsman, I decided not when I saw the talent in front. Should

it be a fast bowler, or a 'seam' bowler – for the balance of the team I plumped for the latter.

Mick Wherry was a fine exponent of his art, and his left arm seamers, especially on those uncovered wickets, could be devastating. However, my selection goes to Mark Renouf.

Cobo's Greatest  
HOME CLUB  
CHOSEN BY Don Batiste

BATSMEN		TIME
	IN	
1	M Mechem	
2	J Le Poidevin	
3	R Roussel	
4	S. Le Prevost	
5	J Frith	
6	J Martel	
7	G Rich	
8	M Fooks	
9	A Shepherd	
10	G Callaway	
11	M Poole	
12	P Vidamour	

also in the running . . .



Two other left armers also come into contention: Mark Poole and Tony Robin.

Both consistent performers – each have produced several match winning performances with their control and nagging accuracy often leading to wickets falling at the other end.

Again, 'Renno' has had the advantage of playing when the game has advanced. He moves the ball both ways and given favourable conditions, which are far fewer these days for bowlers, he can be a real handful.

His batting and fielding give him the nod. He never gives his wicket away and is capable of supporting higher or lower order players in building partnerships.

A team player who thinks hard about the game and constantly supports and encourages his team-mates. Definitely a 'mountain' player!

Cobo's Greatest  
HOME CLUB  
CHOSEN BY Sparrow

BATSMEN		TIME
	IN	
1	R Winston	
2	M Mechem	
3	R Roussel	
4	J Martel	
5	J Le Poidevin	
6	S. Le Prevost	
7	N Hunter	
8	G Rich	
9	M Fooks	
10	A Shepherd	
11	G Callaway	
12	P Vidamour M Culverwell	



## No 10 Justin Ferbrache

Without doubt the finest wicket-keeper and one of the best in Guernsey during the last half-century. Would undoubtedly have made his mark

for the Channel Islands but for Jersey's Simon Short – who, if he was starting out today, would undoubtedly not be out of place in an English County side.

Equally proficient at standing up or back his technique, aided by his work and attitude ethic, is top class. Some of his leg side stumpings are awesome and his stopping ability in this area likewise.

He looks clean and rarely makes a mistake and is undoubtedly one of the major factors in Cobo's successes in recent years.

## No 11 Geoff Callaway

I have mentioned the partnership between Tony Shepherd and Geoff Callaway. The number of times these two bowlers rescued Cobo in the late 60s and 70s bring back memories.



Albeit pitches were more bowler 'friendly' and there were no restrictions on the overs they could bowl.

GA, on his day, could be almost unplayable, and generated considerable pace. For this reason I give him the nod over Mark Culverwell, who, on his day, could be equally devastating at no mean pace which, in his heyday, he could maintain for long spells if his 'tail was up'.

## 12<sup>th</sup> man Robin Winstone

Why name a 12<sup>th</sup> man – the Elizabeth College sports master provided another dimension to Cobo fielding in the late 70s. Some of his catching and above all his enthusiasm will be recalled by all those who took the field with him. A natural 12<sup>th</sup> man for this team!

Cobo's Greatest  
HOME CLUB  
CHOSEN BY Micky Mechem

BATSMEN		TIME
	IN	
1	P Vidamour	
2	M Webber	
3	R Roussel	
4	S Le Prevost	
5	W Barrett	
6	J Frith	
7	P Wakeford	
8	G Rich	
9	M Fooks	
10	A Shepherd	
11	M Culverwell	

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## In the headlines...

### Cobo are the new cricket champions

**CORD** handed the cricket championship last night for the first time in their 18-year history. They beat St Martin's in a dramatic game which was a fitting climax to one of the most exciting campaigns ever staged in the competition. Only two balls remained when the new champions claimed their crown after having led and crossed the partition had built up to bowing points. The win put Cobo a point above defending champions St Martin's at the top of the table.

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But there were no celebrations long the evening. Cobo were disappointed to have lost to St Martin's in the final. The victory was a fitting climax to one of the most exciting campaigns ever staged in the competition. Only two balls remained when the new champions claimed their crown after having led and crossed the partition had built up to bowing points. The win put Cobo a point above defending champions St Martin's at the top of the table.

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### Cobo's fine victory thrills big crowd

**WITH MANY** children sitting 22 feet out and John Le Poer leading, 17 men, Cobo swept to a fine victory to gain a share of the Guernsey Cricket League's Challenge Cup title.

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### A delighted and surprised Mark Poole named top player

**ORDER - GCA presentation evening.**

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### Kenny the star as Cobo retain Chuck Pryce Shield

**ANOTHER** sad final for Pilgrims

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### Match drawn - a win for the weather

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COBO ARE LIKE . . . LA SCALA, MILAN . . .

MARX BROS. . . . CHAMPAGNE

For many years now, the cricket in the First Division of the League has plodded along in its customary fashion with few startling reversals of form and the occasional excitement of a tie. But, all in all, the most casual of observers could, if he were so minded, reasonably predict the pattern and outcome of the general behaviour and results to a fair degree of accuracy—so well tried were the traditions and players in the Division.

In 1962, however, suddenly from out of the familiar shades of K.G.V. a sun shone—COBO were now amongst the Olympians! How would they fare? What, if any, impact would they have on the more experienced, more blasé, and more schooled players of the older sides? These were some of the more pertinent questions which intrigued some of us older members. The answers were not long in becoming manifest.

INJECTION OF ENTHUSIASM

The advent of COBO into the First Division provided an injection of enthusiasm greatly needed and probably never equalled. This young side, albeit very inexperienced, made a noteworthy impression on the Division in more than one way. They played hard and with extreme keenness and very little less comedy.

The variety of attire as sported on (and occasionally off) the field was not only an economic necessity but also a diabolical tactic which put them 20 runs or two wickets up before the first ball was bowled! It was alarming, to say the least, to an incoming opposing batsman on looking around the

field to find pitted against him a mere six fielders in the most original fancy dress. On closer inspection, however, he would, if he were fortunate enough to possess extremely penetrating vision, discover a further minimum of five fielders so clad that they blended perfectly with the rather umbrose background of the King George V Playing Field.

AN EXPERIENCE

To be present on a night when COBO were playing was an experience of the calibre of (1) a night at La Scala, Milan—it was nearly as noisy, (2) a night with the Marx Bros. suitably augmented by an extra seven—it was almost as uproarious and (3) a champagne breakfast—it was practically as effervescent and exciting.

What a wonderful shot in the arm these boys (and Tom Thornton!) have given to the night league cricket at K.G.V. COBO have, I sincerely hope, come to stay and while, doubtless, they could with advantage temper their exuberance with a little moderation, we all hope that a modicum of their enthusiasm will prove as contagious as it is clearly desirable and will spread to other members of the First Division.

When before has it been commonplace to find 30 or 40 spectators at an evening league game, willing on their heroes to great heights in the arena? This must not be allowed to cease and the best way to ensure that we get such support is to provide cricket that will excite, interest, amuse and demand spectators.

ERNEST YATES.

# Memorable Matches

- ◀ 1962 Cobo v Pilgrims B  
Cobo's first ever match in Division 1.
- 1962 Cobo v Harlequins ▶  
Cobo's first top flight victory.
- 1967 Cobo v Pessimists ▶▶  
Brian Le Prevost's most memorable match.
- ▼ 1973 Cobo v Tektronix  
Cobo's win over Tektronix was remarkable in that no wickets fell in the entire game!

PILGRIMS B	
S. R. Cleal, not out	40
A. Lower, c Batsche, b Shepherd	14
O. Le Theist, run out	3
C. Blondel, not out	12
Extras	15
<b>Total (2 wks.)</b>	<b>84</b>
Bowling: Shepherd, 6-0-41-1; Lucas, 5-0-28-0.	
COBO	
T. Thornton, b Carré	18
B. Le Prevost, b Carré	9
M. Mechem, b Carré	25
D. Mechem, not out	16
R. Batiste, b Blondel	5
A. Shepherd, not out	3
Extras	3
<b>Total (for 4 wks.)</b>	<b>79</b>
Bowling: Lower, 4-0-27-0; Carré, 5-0-35-3; Blondel, 2-0-14-1.	

Guernsey Evening Press and Star, Thursday, June 28, 1973

## 211 — for none!

COBO and Tektronix probably made a Guernsey Cricket League record at the Ousemond private field last night when in their Division One game they scored 211 runs without a wicket falling. Cobo came out on top of this batsmen's feast with John Le Poldern scoring 63 including a six into the stands as they passed the Tek score of 104 in 10 overs. Mick Mechem for once played the more silent role but still scored 44.

Simon Holber-Hill and Rex Martel's score for Tek was a good one off 14 overs from a Cobo attack which was missing an injured Tony Shepherd. Holber-Hill and Martel scored the majority of their runs in the second half of the innings but for Cobo, there was no last over award and by the fourth over they had 40 runs on the board.

There were a couple of unusual dismissals, both painful, in the other Division One game at the King George V Field where Pilgrims beat Optimists. Pilgrims Terry Gent was hit on the chin by a ball from Mason and he dropped down to shatter his stumps. Later, Mason was the victim when a ball from Warren Barret ricocheted from the top of his bat into his eye.

But to add insult to injury the

harriers scored 112 for 4 and limited Rovers to 75 for 8. A last wicket effort by the Post Office's Le Gallen and Le Page just failed to bring their victory against Electronics. Le Page was run out on the last ball of the match with his team three runs behind.

### Scoreboards

DIVISION ONE Cobo beat Tektronix		DIVISION TWO Towers beat Rovers	
Tektronix		Towers	
A. Holber-Hill not out	57	A. Beck & Emond	41
K. Martel not out	41	G. Clark & Gaudin b Crowl	21
Extras	13	K. Reilly & Meagher b Reilly	17
<b>Total the batsmen</b>	<b>111</b>	E. Clark not out	11
Bowling: Wherry 3-0-41-0, Reaney 3-0-37-0		S. Woodhead not out	11
Cobo		Rovers	
M. Mechem not out	44	J. De Gaulle b Meagher	10
I. Le Poldern not out	63	R. Martel b Woodhead	8
Extras	6	H. De Gaulle b Meagher	7
<b>Total the batsmen</b>	<b>113</b>	A. Crowl & Emond	7
Bowling: Day 5-0-40-0, Sivat 2-0-27-0		M. Le Maigne b Meagher	7
Pilgrims beat Optimists		Electronics beat Post Office	
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Bowling: Day 5-0-40-0, Sivat 2-0-27-0		S. Woodhead not out	11

### COBO GAIN A SHOCK WIN

Newly promoted Cobo gained a shock Division One cricket win over fancied Harlequins at King George V Playing Field last night. It was a thrilling victory gained with the third ball of the last over.

Cobo scored only 56 for 7 when they batted first, former Harlequins player Tom Thornton scoring 27. Accurate bowling by Shepherd and Lucas soon had Harlequins in trouble. They were dismissed just one short of Cobo's total.

#### COBO

T. Thornton, c Cherry, b Jones	27
B. Le Prevost, b Rogers	6
M. Mechem, c Jones, b Gervaise-Brazier	15
D. Mechem, c Cherry, b Jones	1
B. Brouard, lbw, b Jones	0
D. Batiste, not out	1
A. Shepherd, b Rogers	0
R. Lucas, run out	1
Extras	5
<b>Total (for 7 wks.)</b>	<b>56</b>

Bowling: Rogers 5-0-19-2; Jones 6-0-17-3; Gervaise-Brazier 2-0-15-1.

#### HARLEQUINS

G. Le Tissier, c Brouard, b Lucas	4
C. Gervaise-Brazier, b Lucas	1
P. Burgess, c D. Batiste, b Lucas	1
J. Rogers, b Lucas	6
M. Owen, c B. Batiste, b Shepherd	8
G. James, run out	8
J. Cherry, b Lucas	1
T. Wakefield, b Shepherd	3
G. Jones, not out	7
B. Barbé, run out	7
W. Blair, b Shepherd	0
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

Bowling: Shepherd 6.4-0-26-3; Lucas 6-1-20-5.

### COBO SHATTER PESSIMISTS

Pessimists' championship hopes were seriously dented when they were overwhelmingly defeated by Division One newcomers Cobo at King George V Field last night.

Tight fielding and good bowling enabled Cobo to dismiss Pessimists for 80, Shepherd breaking the back of the ex-champions' batting with three good wickets in an over. Skipper Yates stopped the rut with a fine 21 and tail-enders Stirling and Bean shared in a spirited partnership which raised the score to a reasonably good total.

However, with Pessimists fielding badly, it was by no means high enough and, after veteran Thornton had been snapped up at short leg, youngsters Le Prevost and M. Mechem put on 78 runs in an unbeaten second wicket partnership.

#### PESSIMISTS

W. F. Druce, b Lucas	10
E. H. C. Yates, lbw, b Lucas	21
R. W. Clark, c Le Prevost, b Shepherd	5
M. Hart, b Shepherd	0
R. N. Worsley, c Brouard, b Shepherd	0
R. O. Martin, b Lucas	5
W. Stirling, c J. Batiste, b Shepherd	13
W. F. Bean, b Lucas	16
W. Sharp, b Shepherd	2
R. Kirkpatrick, b Lucas	0
W. Stacey, not out	5
Extras	3
<b>Total 80</b>	

Bowling: Shepherd, 7-1-29-5; Lucas, 6.4-0-48-5.

#### COBO

T. Thornton, c Kirkpatrick, b Hart	1
B. Le Prevost, not out	42
M. Mechem, not out	30
Extras	8
<b>Total (for 1 wkr)</b>	<b>81</b>

Bowling: Kirkpatrick, 6-0-41-0; Hart, 5-0-32-1.

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# Memorable Matches

## 1990 Trislander Trophy (The Upton) Cobo v Sporting Club Français

Cobo	
V. Kenny lbw b Jewell	7
M. Webber c Rousseau b T. Carlyon	0
N. Hunter c Therin b T. Carlyon	6
G. Rich c Sampson b b T. Carlyon	72
A. Ayton c S. Carlyon b Jewell	31
R. Batisic c Webbe b Jewell	41
P. Butler b T. Carlyon	14
B. Robson b T. Carlyon	10
M. Fooks b T. Carlyon	7
M. Poole run out	1
A. Shepherd not out	0
Extras	15
Total	210
Bowling: T. Carlyon 10.3-4-43-6; Jewell 17.0-84-3; Webbe 11.3-29-0; S. Carlyon 5.0-39-0	
Sporting Club	
T. Rousseau c Fooks b Shepherd	3
W. Webbe b Rich	5
S. Carlyon c Rich b Butler	55
T. Carlyon c Fooks b Rich	50
K. Therin lbw b Rich	0
K. Tollerton lbw b Rich	0
H. Kearns b Butler	5
N. Jewell b Butler	25
S. Clark c Webber b Butler	1
J. Bell st Fooks b Butler	12
J. Sampson not out	2
Extras	14
Total	178
Bowling: Shepherd 6.1-26-1; Rich 15.2-63-4; Butler 15.2-2-46-5; Poole 4.0-19-0; Hunter 2.0-10-0	



## Peter Vidamour: Jersey Senior KO Final, Grainville, 16 August 1997

This was the second time that we won the Jersey Senior KO, it was the middle year of my (first) spell as Cobo manager and this coincided with an enormously successful period for the club which culminated in a "clean sweep" of winning all the competitions which the first team entered in 1998. This was a very good Cobo side, probably the best I have played in (although this is a tough call as the team that won the 1<sup>st</sup> Channel Island title in 2004 was also excellent), very talented players and a great team spirit.

The game was personally very memorable for a number of reasons, I had just been dropped from the Guernsey side for the previous weekend's Inter Insular (the

first time I hadn't played for about 12 years) and as Jersey (containing 6 or 7 of the SCF team) won that game fairly convincingly, it was nice to "prove a point". I was carrying a number of injuries and it was not certain that I would play until the morning of the match. As it turned out I played about as well as I ever have!

In addition, it was one of the first major partnerships (101) that I shared with Stuart Le Prevost who is one of my two favourite batting partners of all time (the other is Mark Bacon) both are enormously naturally gifted but that

kind of talent inevitably has flaws and both probably haven't fulfilled their potential – although Stu may yet become a Guernsey "great". Probably what's more important is that they are both good mates and we had a lot of fun batting together!

The other thing worth noting is that the evening in Jersey was one of the great celebrations for a team which were pretty talented in that respect too!

SCF lost to Cobo by six wickets	
SCF	
S. Carlyon c Culverwell b Poole	9
B. Vowden c Wakeford b Kenny	9
T. Carlyon lbw b Culverwell	26
S. Short b Butler	61
T. Hanson c & b Rich	6
T. Rousseau c Kimber b Butler	14
M. Reynolds run out	2
F. Gibson c Vidamour b Poole	2
B. Silva not out	7
J. Welsh run out	17
N. Jewell run out	0
Total (11 extras)	164 all out
Bowling: M. Culverwell 7.0-40-1; Poole 7.0-38-2; Kenny 7.0-28-1; Rich 7.0-22-1; Butler 6.3-0-28-2	
Cobo	
V. Kenny lbw b Jewell	12
P. Vidamour not out	82
S. Le Prevost c Short b T. Carlyon	54
P. Wakeford c Hanson b T. Carlyon	4
G. Kimber c Short b Gibson	0
G. Rich not out	8
Total (8 extras)	168 for 4
Bowling: T. Carlyon 7.0-30-2; Jewell 6.2-1-36-1; Vowden 4.0-24-0; Gibson 7.0-27-1; Reynolds 3.0-22-0; S. Carlyon 5.0-25-0	

# Well Wishers

Mark Latter, GCA President



## What An Achievement!

When you think of local cricket you think of Cobo Cricket Club. Whether it is winning trophies, providing the backbone of the

Guernsey sides, bringing junior talent to the fore or supplying GCA Presidents, there is always Cobo CC.

It is no mean feat, in this age of busy lives with all manner of distractions to be able to keep a tradition going and all those connected with Cobo CC should be rightly proud of their success. It is a testament to the hardwork and passion of all those who have served on the Club committees over the years.

The names of Le Prevost and Nussbaumer both grace the pages of Guernsey cricket scorecards and the list of past GCA Presidents and it is an honour to follow in their steps as the current holder of this distinguished post.

Well done to all connected with the Club and here's to another 50 years of cricket and I look forward to celebrating your centenary with you in 2057!

Matt Le Tissier



Cobo is a very special place, with it's village feel, fantastic restaurants, golden sandy beach and some of the most stunning sunsets I've seen anywhere.

Cobo Cricket Club has been very much a part of that village over the last 50 years and much of their success over those years

has been based on a team spirit being drawn from belonging to a club which enjoys the competitive nature of cricket and also the social benefits. Where better to dissect the intricacies of the match just finished, than watching the sun go down at Cobo?

Congratulations for your first 50 years and I wish you luck for the next 50.

Best wishes, Matt.

Jack Birkenshaw: 2007 – A Vintage Year

Cobo is my type of cricket team! They play their cricket hard, have a terrific social scene off the field and thanks to their President/Benefactor, David Nussbaumer, they all could eat and drink for England!

It is only best steak and top of the range champagne for the Cobo boys and in all fairness this kind of treatment seems to get the best out of their players! Over the past few years they have brought back most of the trophies via their favourite watering hole, The Doghouse, en route to the Rockmount.

Alas, a word of warning. Twenty-twenty cricket is the flavour of the month and is here to stay. It will get faster and faster with no place for the man who loves his burgers, pork pies and lots of lager. The technical aspect of the game will have its place, but a leaner, fitter and flexible athlete will be on show.

The Cobo side will have to become this full on, a disciplined athletic machine, if they are to continue with their dominance of Guernsey cricket. I know their President now has a personal trainer, taking the lead in his quest for perfection in fitness.

The Sunday afternoon barbecue will

sadly become a pleasure of the past and the large freezer brimming with beer will be exchanged for the water carrier. A fat test could be the normal before a match with copious amounts of salads and fruits a Cobo lifestyle. Sleep tests, half marathons, commando type breaks in the wilds of Jersey are the future with big Dave, Le Prevost and a youthful Richie leading from the front!

Now you can all wake up from the nightmare; it is your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary so enjoy this year more than any other.

Within the best possible spirit of the game, play hard and fair, practice hard and give opportunities to your youngsters when they are good enough. Your team spirit and dressing room camaraderie has helped greatly with your success and it is this which will encourage young talent to join the club. Never let this change!

Congratulations, have a fantastic season and Dave, please put the Krug champagne on ice!



# Club Stalwarts



Tony Spensley



Barry Le Lacheur



Herbie Nichols



Roy Mechem

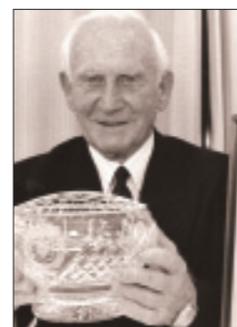


Maurice Le Huray



# Well Remembered

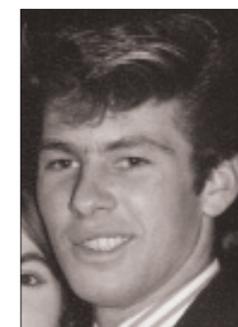
John Martel



Baz Brouard



David 'Dido' Mechem



Roy Lucas



Robin Roussel



# COBO CRICKET CLUB

## ROLL OF HONOUR

1957 TO 2007

### EVENING LEAGUE

Division One – 1967, 1971 (shared with Rovers), 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2005, 2006

Division Two – 1961, 1987, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000

Division Three – 1974, 1987, 2006

Division Four – 1996

Division Five – 2005

Division Seven – 1996

### AFTERNOON LEAGUE

Division One – 1990, 1992, 1993, 1998

### GCA KNOCKOUT CUP

1972, 1977, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

### LOWER DIVISIONS KNOCKOUT/GCA TROPHY

1996, 1998, 2004, 2005

### TRILANDER TROPHY (THE 'UPTON')

1990, 1998

### CHANNEL ISLANDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

2004, 2005

### JERSEY SENIOR KNOCKOUT

1994, 1997

### INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

#### GCA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1992 – Mark Poole, 1993 – Gary Rich, 1997 – Gary Rich, 1998 – Stuart Le Prevost, 2002 – Jeremy Frith, 2004 – Stuart Le Prevost, 2005 – Matt Oliver

#### GCA YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1960 – Tony Shepherd, 1962 – Micky Mechem, 1994 – Stuart Le Prevost, 1999 – Paul Le Tocq, 2003 – Matt Oliver, 2005 – Jamie Nussbaumer

#### COBO CC PLAYER OF THE YEAR (1984-1991)

1984 – Brian Robson, 1985 – no record, 1986 – Tony Shepherd, 1987 – Ian Fitchet, 1988 – Mike Webber, 1989 – Gary Rich, 1990 – Vince Kenny, 1991 – Vince Kenny

#### CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR (1988-1991)

1988 – Andy Batiste, 1989 – Tony Robin, 1990 – Malcolm de la Haye, 1991 – Mark Le Tissier

#### PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR (1991-present)

1991 – Mark Poole, 1992 – Tony Robin, 1993 – Gary Rich, 1994 – Peter Vidamour, 1995 – Paul Wakeford, 1996 – Graham Marquand, 1997 – Gary Rich, 1998 – Mark Culverwell, 1999 – Mark Le Tissier, 2000 – Gary Rich, 2001 – Stuart Le Prevost, 2002 – Jeremy Frith, 2003 – Matt Oliver, 2004 – TJ Ozanne, 2005 – Matt Oliver, 2006 – Stuart Le Prevost

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**TOTAL, committed to our Island community.**

