

Feedback from Indoor U19 tournament Finland, February 7-10th 2008

Squad

		<u>Age</u>
Jamie Farmiloe (Captain)	(ACC)	17
Mohinder Balli (Wkt)	(PCCB)	17
Shaival Mehta	(AICC)	15
Sheraz Sheikh Muhammed	(Ostend)	21
Simon Newport	(ACC)	20
Jay Savani	(AICC)	15
Sebastian Shukla	(ACC)	16
Mark Weighill	(BSB)	16
Fazil Mahmood (Coach)		
Sheel Shukla (Manager)		



Belgium Played 9 Games. ICC –Indoor Regulations.

Belgium finished with a ranking of 4th Position out of 3 Associates and 4 Affiliates 7 Countries

Position after League Phase

	P	W	L	BP	Pts
Denmark	6	6	0	30	78
Portugal +	6	5	1	30	70
Finland +	6	4	2	28	60
<u>Belgium</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>47</u>
Hellas +	6	1	5	24	32
Luxembourg +	6	1	5	18	26
France	6	1	5	16	24
+ Affiliates					

Finals

- Reached Semi Finals but lost to Denmark by 3 wickets
Belgium 79-5 (10 overs)
Denmark 82-2 (8.2 overs)
- 3rd/4th Position play off against Finland, Belgium lost by 25 runs
Finland 85-4 (10 overs)
Belgium 60-5 (8.3 overs)

Compliments received on Team's Performance.

- Early Starts 0730-0800 Breakfast and Team meetings
- Regular coaching and warm ups for team and individuals
- Daily Team debriefings – feedback on performance
- Squad selections – decisions and communication with team
- No Injuries



S. Shukla cleans up the Luxembourg tail end



Runs for M. Balli



Celebrating a wicket



A successful appeal for S. Newport's wicket



3 runs to M. Weighill



Umpire Lee Goldsmith with J. Farmiloe



A boundary for J. Farmiloe



Sanjeev Kad (Finland)
and Peter De Boeck



Richard Eames and Sanjeev Kad

The Final Result

BCF Team improves indoor ranking position by One place to Four for the next tournament.

Close games against Finland on 2 occasions. Team had ability to play at this level. Whilst the result against Denmark looks comfortable, the reality is that the Danish team looked worried !

Affiliates able to field more senior players above 19 years. Our team performed well against older opposition and in particular against Denmark and Finland who have regular indoor leagues.

Undoubtedly the team have developed skills that they will use in the outdoor game. The decision to use younger players proved to be sound as they will be able to use the experience to perform in the 2nd Division Championships in Germany in the summer.

Team preparations Vs Final outcome

Preparation is everything. Still room for improvement especially time keeping and attendance but timing of tournament has meant that players have had to revise for exams as well as find time to train. Overall a good balance was found with frequent slots used to compensate player availability.

Training preparation found to be good quality:

- Regular
- Right areas for the indoor game
- Explanation of tactics for the indoor game

Lessons learned for next Tournament

- More work on fielding
- Keep the focus on accurate bowling
- More advice and preparation on playing in noisy pressurized environment....difficult to re-create !!

Indoor Championships Draw

