

Welcome to the ECB's premier domestic knock-out competition – the Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy.

Cheltenham & Gloucester is proud to continue its sponsorship of this prestigious 50-over competition – and this year it promises to be greater than ever. More than 40 years of history surround the event and fantastic memories of recent years are still fresh in our minds.

The competition these days is a truly national affair as teams from all over the country are invited to compete. The inclusion of non-First Class counties, from Cornwall to Scotland, means matches are played the length and breadth of the country and the possibility of an exciting challenge from a minor County is ever-present.



The road to Lord's is laid out in front of us once again – a road comprising seven stages from round one to final. Will Somerset and Yorkshire dominate again in the 2003 competition? Can Gloucestershire rise to the challenge and reassert themselves in one-day cricket? Or can a minor County fulfil its wildest dreams, upset the competition, and snatch the trophy for themselves?

A new competition provides another opportunity for the record books to be shattered – as they were by Alistair Brown and his thundering score of 268 runs from 160 balls for Surrey this year. And as always, the unpredictable weather may add to our excitement and anxiety. We'll just have to watch and wait.

This year's action will be a hard act to follow, but where the C&G Trophy is concerned, we can always be assured of hard-fought matches and some of the best one-day cricket to be found.

Here's to a thrilling competition!



PLAYING CONDITIONS

The ECB's Playing Conditions for the Frizzell County Championship matches will apply except where specified below.

DURATION

The matches will consist of one innings per side and each innings will be limited to 50 overs. The matches are intended to be completed in one day, but two days have been allocated in case of weather interferences.

HOURS OF PLAY

The scheduled hours of play will be
 First Session 10.45 to 14.15
 Interval 14.15 to 15.00
 Second Session 15.00 to 18.30

INTERVAL BETWEEN INNINGS

There will normally be two sessions of play of 3 hours and 30 minutes each, separated by an interval of 45 minutes from 14.15 to 15.00. If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the interval, the interval shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier.

COVERING OF THE PITCH AND SURROUNDING AREAS

The pitch and surrounding areas will be completely covered in the event of rain.

LIMITATION OF OVERS BY ANY ONE BOWLER

No bowler may bowl more than 10 overs in an innings.

RESTRICTION ON PLACEMENT OF FIELDSMEN

At the instant of delivery there shall not be more than five fieldsmen on the leg side. For the first 15 overs of each innings, a maximum of two fielders are permitted to be outside the fielding circle. For the remaining overs of each innings, a maximum of five fielders are permitted to be outside the fielding circle.

FAST, SHORT-PITCH BOWLING

The bowler shall be limited to one delivery per over that passes, or would have passed, above the shoulder height of the batsman standing upright at the crease.

NO BALLS

Two penalty runs shall be awarded to the batting side for each "No Ball" bowled in addition to any other runs scored from the delivery. In addition, the delivery following a foot fault no-ball shall be a free hit for whichever batsman is facing.

WIDES

One penalty run shall be awarded to the batting side for each "wide" bowled in addition to any other runs scored from the delivery.

OVER-RATE FINES

All sides are expected to be in position to bowl the first ball of the last of their 50 overs within 3 hours 30 minutes playing time. In the event of them failing to do so, the full quota of overs will be completed, and the batting side will be credited with 6 runs for every whole over that has not been bowled. This will apply to both innings of the match. If the side batting second is credited with runs in this way and this consequently takes their score past that of the side batting first, then the match shall be deemed to be won by the side batting second. If an innings is terminated before the scheduled or re-scheduled cut-off time, no over-rate penalty shall apply. If an innings is interrupted, the over-rate penalty will apply based on the re-scheduled cessation time for that innings. Penalties will apply to innings of at least 15 overs' duration.

DUCKWORTH/LEWIS

In rounds 1 and 2, revised target scores will be calculated on a basis of average run-rate. From round 3 onwards revised target scores will be calculated by the Duckworth/Lewis method.

"THE RESULT" A TIE

In the event of a tie when the Duckworth/Lewis method has not been used, the following will apply:

- a) The side losing the lesser number of wickets shall be the winner.
- b) The winner shall be the team with the highest score after 15 overs, or if still equal after 14 overs, or if still equal 13 overs etc.

TIMED OUT

The incoming batsman must be in position to take guard or for his partner to receive the next ball within two minutes and 30 seconds of the fall of the previous wicket. Failure to do so will result in the incoming batsman being timed out on appeal.



50p

First Round

50p

BERKSHIRE C.C.C v IRELAND

at Finchampstead C.C. on Thursday 29th August 2002

BERKSHIRE (from)

- 1 L.H. Nurse
- 2 J.R. Perkins
- 3 T.L. Hall
- 4 J.R. Wood*
- 5 P.J. Prichard
- 6 N.J. Wilton#
- 7 T. Henderson.
- 8 S.P. Naylor
- 9 S.S. Patel.....
- 10 T.L. Lambert
- 11 N.A. Denning
- 12 L.D. Atkinson

IRELAND (from)

- 1 J.A.M. Mollins*
- 2 J. Bray
- 3 A.R. White
- 4 D Joyce
- 5. P.G. Gillespie
- 6 K. McCallan
- 7 N. O'Brien#
- 8 D. Heasley
- 9 C.M. Armstrong
- 10 P.J.K. Mooney.....
- 11 G.J. Neely
- 12 A.G.A.M McCoubrey

	Extras _____				
	Total _____				
Fall of Wickets	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10

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* Captain # Wicketkeeper Umpires: Alan Bundy & John Illott
 Scorers: Roy Arnold & Stella Downes Groundsman: Paul Maynard

Toss won By _____ Result:
 Man of the Match Adjudicator: Ralph Dellor

First Innings (Total runs scored at end of each over):

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	

Second Innings

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	