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'The GFA should be asking itself if, by stepping into this territory, they are fostering football or just feathering their own nest to the deprivation of the senior clubs?'

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Glory Days, foreground, cuts through the waves in race two of the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club Nashcopy Navigational Series on Saturday. Details to follow. (Picture by Adrian Miller, 28299919)

CYCLING AND TRIATHLON

Sunday TT opener aim

DOMESTIC cycling competition looks set to end its coronavirus-enforced hiatus on Sunday. Guernsey Velo Club plan to stage a 10-mile time trial at Cobo with appropriate social distancing measures, subject to Health & Social Care approval. The triathlon season provisionally begins the following Sunday.

FOOTBALL

Peace back at Saints

JOHN PEACE has returned to the St Martin's dugout as assistant to Leon Meakin. The former Saints' first-team coach is back on island and was keen to get involved. He replaces Tam Muir and Shaun Lihou who will take up other roles at Blanche Pierre Lane.

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Cricket is put in to bat



The Sports Commission's relationship manager Steve Sharman asked sports for a plan for their return to action. (28300689)

CRICKET has got an unexpected shot in the arm and will return as early as this coming Saturday when a 'Test' of a different kind takes place. Public Health will be asked to give the green light to a game which will feature the island's premier players at KGV, but the Sports Commission's relationship manager Steve Sharman is very hopeful. Evening cricket could also start and plans are being drawn up to play what was the scheduled sec-

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ond half of the season.

'We are hopeful that we can have a cricket match next Saturday,' said Sharman while outlining what the swift move into phase four of the Covid-19 rules will mean for sport in general. 'We have asked each individual sport for a plan and cricket is not a contact sport like football and rugby,' added Sharman. Guernsey Cricket Board chief

executive Mark Latter said that as long as Public Health give the expected clearance the season opener will be 'a Test match with a different inference on the word Test'. 'We have given them some guidelines we will operate within. It will probably be the (Guernsey) National and U19 squads merged with Olly Tapp and Andy Cornford picking two select XIs for a T20 match.' On the question of salvaging the Evening League which was

expected to be a write-off, he said: 'The idea is to play Divisions One, Two and Three's second half of the season with a couple of back to back matches at weekends using both KGV and Port Soif. 'We are also looking at playing some long-form challenge games.' Golf has also received a boost with fourball friendly games now being allowed and 'close to being fully operational' said Sharman. 'They are taking the advice from the R & A [Royal & Ancient] but to all intent and purposes they

are free to resume competition.' Table tennis is also ready to resume immediately with the GTTA having refigured their table layout to conform. 'As for athletics there is no reason why they cannot put on individual sprint meets, middle-distance meet and field meets while keeping competitors socially distanced.'



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