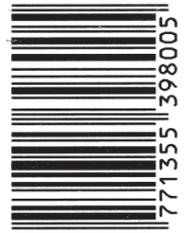


# Sport

## 'And the overriding memory I have of the day, as I ran towards "JT", was the look of such unadulterated joy on his face'

Aaron Scoones (pictured) recalls how John Tall shot down Cobo in the GCA KO final - Pages 32-33



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### Exit from Lockdown phase 4

# Elite back in action

THE home of Guernsey cricket hosts its first game of the summer tomorrow - later or earlier than expected, depending on how you look at it.

But there is no doubt that the island's best players will be grateful to return to action as the bailiwick enters phase four of the exit from lockdown and although they are bound to be rusty, just getting the chance to blow the cobwebs away at the KGV is seen as a bonus.

Guernsey coaches Andy Cornford and Olly Tapp have selected two T20 sides, captained by Josh Butler and Jason Martin respectively, for the occasion and the game, which starts at 11am, will be streamed live on the Guernsey Cricket Facebook page and the score can be followed via cricclubs.com.

'The players will be wearing their club colours so that they are not sharing kit - it will be Barbarians-esque,' Latter said.

Since the Guernsey Cricket Board submitted their own paperwork to the relevant island authorities on how they could stage a game within the guidelines of the exit from lockdown framework, the International Cricket Council have issued their own Back to Cricket Guidelines.

Both cover the same aspects, with tomorrow's game being covered by the 'Re-

### CRICKET

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sumption of Domestic Professional Cricket' section of the ICC guidelines with any necessary local States regulations 'trumping' it. The guidelines include not using saliva to polish the ball, regular hand sanitising and maintaining social distancing.

'A lot of what is covered by the guidelines is in relation to what happens before and after the game in terms of arrival at the ground and avoiding use of changing rooms etc.,' said Latter.

'The actual game itself is hardly going to change because very rarely do the players come into physical contact. In cricket, nine of the 22 players are not on the pitch anyway.

'Of course, there won't be any high-fiving of wickets, for example, and players are going to look after their own kit rather than handing it to the umpires.'

**Olly Tapp's XI:** Tom Nightingale, Jason Martin (capt./wk), Nick Hutchinson, Ben Ferbrache, Nathan Le Tissier, Luke Bichard, Will Peatfield, Tom Veillard, Matt Philp, Charles Vorster, Jordan Martel.

**Andy Cornford's XI:** Lucas Barker, Zak Damarell (wk), Josh Butler (capt.), Jamie Nussbaumer, Ollie Newey, Luke Le Tissier, Dan Le Messurier, Ant Stokes, Matt Renouf, Nic Buckle, Kieran Le Gallez.

## 'Con' to retire after Island Games



Looking towards the finish line: Blues stalwart Steve Concanen.

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### FOOTBALL

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ALDERNEY mainstay Steve Concanen will make the forthcoming season and Island Games to follow his last.

Concanen, 35, said yesterday that the time had come to stop and representing his home island next summer would be the perfect way to go out.

'I started in Guernsey in the 2003 Island Games and I'll finish there at an Island Games.

'I've told the boys that whatever game it is [at the Games] it will be my last game.'

Concanen is now keeping fingers crossed the Covid-19 restrictions are eased sufficiently for Alderney to take their place in the upcoming season's Priaulx League and, for the first time, the Guernsey FA Cup.

The veteran defender, who also has the rare distinction of having won a Guernsey Muratti cap, is delighted that the Ridunians will be in the hat for the cup.

On learning the news, he said: 'Good... I've been calling for that for years.'

Concanen says he has welcomed the enforced break and said the Alderney squad needed it.

'We hadn't had a break for two to two and a half years and the boys were getting a bit leggy. I've quite enjoyed it.'

Alderney hope to have Romanian forward Marin State back when the new season does start, while Concanen is still in the market for a couple more signings to boost their small pool of players.

'I will try and get a couple of people on board,' he said while welcoming the thought of a tougher, more competitive FNB Priaulx League with Guernsey FC players potentially back for an extended stint.

'It will only improve the league and the youngsters - the 17 to 19 year olds - it is only going to improve their game, playing against better players.'

## Priaulxs heading to Le Mans

THE Priaulx father and son motor racing team are set to join forces at virtual Le Mans next month. The duo will team up with Multimatic Motorsports for

an entry into the 24 Hours of Le Mans Virtual - the biggest e-sports endurance race ever seen. Multimatic Motorsports have entered Sebastian with his

father Andy, a two-time class podium finisher at Le Mans, and leading sim racers Michael Epps and Olivier Fontin. **Seb's good form Page 35**

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