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**Congratulations to all the member-clubs!** For facing up to the challenges of a very crowded calendar, travel costs, climate change and player availability. There's a table at the end of this document which shows how the calendar translated into matches played.

**A novelty!** 2023 saw the first-ever need to use NRR to separate the finalists in one of our competitions.

**Congratulations to the tournament winners: Damazan** in the Blevins Franks Cup and **Eymet** in the T20. Not to mention **Catus** who, if there such a thing in the ACCSO firmament as Club-of-the-year, it would surely be them - League winners and finalists in both the Blevins Franks Cup and the T20 competition.

**And congratulations to the top batsmen and bowlers: Rajat** (TCC Wolves) for his 105 in a Cup QF (against TCC Bears!) and **Ali Khan's** 7 for 14 for ECC in a League match.

Not forgetting **Extras**, of course, which figured rather prominently here and there.....

**Umpiring 2023.** Hats off also to the trio of stalwarts (messrs **Evet**, **Starke** and **Taylor**) for having staffed up many of the season's matches, often standing at both ends. Thanks also to those other club members who stood, either for a full match or intermittently at square leg.

**Scoring 2023.** There are now very few people around who come to matches as "full time" scorers, so it's time to give credit to **Jean-Claude Rieudebat** of Damazan and **Colin Goodall** of Eymet. But there were also many batting-side players who kept score part-time and deserve to be thanked for that.

This season saw the arrival of electronic scoring in the shape of the **CricHQ** application, mandatory for many years now for France Cricket's competitions. This pioneering work by **Hui Scheers** of Catus was approved by ACCSO as a test run and will likely feature as an item for review at ACCSO AGM.

**Match Reporting.** Match Report forms were completed in full and submitted on time in 25 of the 31 matches played his season. Thank you all!

There were, however, 4 occasions when certain elements (bowling figures, number of overs bowled) were not presented. And 1 occasion where the form was not used and where nor all the info was provided.

And then one time – the T20 Final! – where nothing was received at all! In the circumstances, the Competitions team decided to accept the Catus CricHQ scoring data set, supplemented by discussion with the senior umpire of the day, which enabled the NRR decision to be validated.

**Over rates.** Overall, these were disappointingly off the mark. Clearly, there’s a temptation to slow the pace when the weather is what is has been throughout most of the campaign; but it can also be argued that that only prolongs the “agony”. It certainly always makes for a late journey back home for the visiting side.

What’s to be done? Keep the lid on incessant field changes? There’s something to be said for bowling several overs in a row from the same end, keeping the field pretty much set.

**And, finally, a picture of how the original calendar turned out.**

	Matches programmed	Matches cancelled	Matches forfeited	Played as planned	Rescheduled & played
<b>League</b>	20	0	3	15	2
<b>BF Cup</b>	6	0	0	6	0
<b>T20</b>	14	2	4	5	3

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