

## Rolling History of Items Appearing in « New News » Section

**Posted 20090831:** Tarn win Siddalls Cup for third year running.

At Eymet yesterday, Tarn beat old rivals Noé-Gascogne by 5 wickets. Details, as ever, on the Results page. Also, news of Best Player awards.

**Posted 20090817:**

STOP PRESS! ACCSO U15s beat Gibraltar in Bologna. OK, France U15s if you insist. Batting at 5, Sam Evely of Toulouse top scored with 58 not out in the French reply, accompanied by John Harding of St Aulaye on 37 not out. John had earlier taken 2 catches and 3-14. Kit Harding took 1-19 and Oliver Mawdsley, also of St Aulaye, played but was not called upon to bat. Super stuff.

Aquitaine 1 - MidiPyrénées 2: that's how it finished at the end of the three major matches played at Damazan this last weekend.

The youngsters of Aquitaine, led by Daniel Nott of St Aulaye, beat their counterparts from the south in the Junior Challenge. Not quite full sides: absences on international duty in Bologna (see above); and some sloping off to Alexa Wardle's birthday bash?

Meanwhile, the finalists of this year's Siddalls Cup were decided. Details, as ever, on the Results page but there were comprehensive wins by Noé over Bordeaux and by Tarn over Eymet.

Many thanks to the Aylings and the Pedersens for doing ALL the work to prepare the ground, do all the logistics and cater for everyone.

**Posted 20000722:** Still quite a few things wrong with this Web site but nothing whatsoever wrong with the performance of Jon Houghton of St Aulaye, who scored a superb 66 not out off 33 balls in France U19's crushing defeat of Germany on the last day of the tournament just ended in Belgium. This knock included 22 off a single over. Bravo "mon vieux"!

**Posted 20090720:** Many thanks to all those who helped lay on and perform in the two matches against the French national U19s squad, as part of Damazan's 20th anniversary celebrations.

**Posted 20090706:** Angoulême have corrected any impression that more runs are scored in Pool D. They notched up 317 against Catus, with Usman Manawar getting 214 of them, and not out to boot! Question for the Frindalls of the S-W: is this a record? Whatever the answer, what a knock!

**Posted 2000629:** The rules for the 2009 edition of the Siddalls Cup have been published to all umpires and club captains: apart from dates of surclassements, nothing has changed. Copy available on the Regulations page.

**Posted 20090625:**\* Congratulations to John Ayling of Damazan on his election as president of the France Cricket committee which advises on Grounds & Equipment. Time to put his vast experience to good use across the whole of France.

**Posted 20090606:**

\* Fancy watching the ICC World Twenty20 (now that the disaster against the Netherlands is behind us)?? Stephen Harrison has tried out Eurosport Player (at euros 4,90 per-view) and it works OK, after downloading a piece of Mozilla software.

\* Angoulême CC are still in the news: nice piece from the "Charente Libre" newspaper.

**Posted 20090518:**

\* Many congratulations to Angoulême for getting their new ground open and starting off with a bowling extravaganza!

\* Some changes in Pool D fixtures (and in the omnibus version).

**Posted 20090515:**

\* 24 youngsters thoroughly enjoyed themselves at Damazan last week-end (and so, too, did their parents): everybody happy to see evidence of junior cricket in the south-west. Thirteen were chosen by a quartet of 'sages' to be invited to go up to Thoiry (no, not the zoo!) on 21-23 May for more coaching and more play. Some may even make it to the French national U-15 squad due to go off to Bologna, Italy!

\* And a revised version of the umpiring schedule is published.

\* Issue 100 of the ICC Europe Newsletter is published

**Posted 20090426:**

\* It's confirmed! All A-BCC's home matches will be played at Seissan!! To be precise, some 17 kms south of Auch on the D929 Auch-Lannemazan road. Coming from Auch, turn left after the market square; go past the church; cross the river Gers; and the ground is immediately on your right, with a large parking area in front of it.

\* Time to start looking at the Results page! Hopefully, there'll be more play than was possible on the first day of the deason...

\* Fixture lists have been updated to reflect juggling of dates in pool D; an to highlight the importance of the juniors' activities at Damazan over 8-10 May (pre-selection for the French Under-15 squad, no less!); and to cover the two matches planned in July at Damazan - against the French Under-19 team!

\* And Angoulême are well-advanced with their new ground. More news soon.

**Posted 20090406:** The various documents for this year's National League are starting to come through (delayed somewhat by the handover of responsibilities following the recent election

of officers at France Cricket). The conditions and entry form have been sent out to all ACCSO clubs (presidents and captains/secretaries).

**Posted 20090404:** The guidance document on the playing of youngsters has been updated to re-state the start & expiry dates of surclassements. Copy available via the Regulations page..

**Posted 20090403:** Damazan's John Ayling has kindly written up some advice for clubs with Flicx pitches. This is accessible from the Good to know page..

**Posted 20090402:**

\* Read all about it!! The AGM of France Cricket on 15th March gave us a new President and a new Management Committee. Subsequently, that Committee elected the new Bureau and filled most of the slots on the Commission/sub-committees. The south-west is very well represented in all of this.

\* The very first ladies' tournament was held recently in Dijon. Visit the Web site of France Cricket for details. The times they are a-changing!

\* The Umpiring page has a link to the minutes of the recent AGM of the umpires and Scorers' Association.

**Posted 20090313:**

\* The March edition of the ICC Newsletter is published.

\* The latest edition of "Signals", the umpiring magazine, is available.

**Posted 20090219:** Youngsters playing in senior matches: A compendium of regulations, procedures and advice on this important subject can be found on the Regulations page, where you will also find links to the highly relevant ECB Guidelines.

**Posted 20090219:** The Fixtures page carries an Omnibus edition of the draft fixtures for both League & Cup. Clubs will be asked shortly to validate this, so that Stephen Harrison can get started on the umpires roster.

**Posted 20090213:**

\* The Indoor tournaments on 8th March were well-attended and very well-contested. Reports are on the Results page.

\* Thanks to responses from clubs, the 2009 fixtures are now pretty much firmed up. Angoulême and Armagnac-Bigorre are both expecting to move to new grounds this year and we all wish them every success in their new surroundings. See the Fixtures page for more details.

\* And on a more serious note, the President and the CEO of the ICC have published a statement on the attack on the Sri Lankan national team in Lahore.

**Posted 20090208:**

\* The Umpiring page carries news about the forthcoming AGM of the Umpires' & Scorers' association.

\* The 5 clubs in the region of Midi-Pyrénées have been busy buying kit thanks to some welcome regional funds. And they have been discovering the very good discounted prices available via France Cricket. See the Good to Know! page.

**Posted 20090118:**

\* A reminder that the AGM of France Cricket is scheduled for Sunday 15th March, in Paris. FC Secretary Eddie Cannon has sent out all relevant documents to Club presidents and has repeated what he told us at the ACCSO AGM last November: that this is the moment when the Bureau and the Comité Directeur all step down and elections take place. All the current representatives of the south-west (Eddie Cannon himself, Stephen Harrison and Simon Palmer) are not standing again. Thus, there's a real risk that our voice will be not just limited, but eliminated!

The package sent out by Eddie included candidature forms for those wishing to put themselves forward for a slot on the 14-strong Comité Directeur. To give you an idea of how important this body is to the proper functioning of France Cricket and, especially, to *the development of the game we all love*, take a look at the document which sets out the CD's functions and gives you an overview of what the various Sub-Committees do. No apologies for the document being in French: you would need to be able to understand some French in your new job!

If you wish to make a significant contribution to the future direction and development of cricket in France - now is your chance! The form is very simple, as you will see by clicking here. Just send it in by 5th February and make your mark!

**Posted 20081229:** Now available, on the Fixtures page: first version of a composite fixture list for "the south". With thanks to Nick Brooks & Jeff Burrige!

Posted 20081211: It appears that Barack Obama is in need of some special coaching.... Which is why the "Financial Times" has suggested that he bases his diplomacy on cricket, rather than on baseball.

Posted 20081206: Lots of material loaded today:

\* Both Armagnac-Bigorre and Noé-Gascogne have decided to take part in both League & Cup competitions in 2009. Excellent news! This means that both pools of the National League will be as per the 2008 campaign.

\* The draw for the 2009 Siddalls Cup has now been made. See the Fixtures page.

\* Wynford Hicks has lost no time in drawing up a composite fixture list for "the north". See the Fixtures page.

\* The newly-approved Constitution and Internal Regulations documents have been done into French and verified. All 4 documents are on the Constitution page.

\* A reminder that the minutes of the recent ACCSO AGM have been approved for publication by Andy Crawford. This document, together with its French equivalent is on the AGM2008 page.

\* And for something rather different: hats off to Colin Trickett & Dom George of Midi CC for a really nice piece in a local paper. Also on the Home page, for French visitors (yes, we do have some!).

**Posted 20081121:** Minutes of AGM 2008 now approved for publication and visible on AGM 2008 page.

**Posted 20081117:** The association's AGM duly took place on 1st November. Excellent turnout, for a very useful meeting. The minutes are being reviewed by the new Committee (well, the old one re-elected, that is!). And the format of the League in 2009 awaits decisions by our friends in the Gers (both clubs) on whether they will take part. Due date: end-November. Watch this space!

The AGM did approve the constitutional documents. The English language versions are now available on the constitution page. .

**Posted 20081017:** The latest edition of Vincent Buisson's "Nompaire" magazine is now available via the Umpiring page.

**Posted 20081014:** Final set of documents for the AGM are now loaded. These are Stephen Harrison's *magna opera*: Umpiring Report; Treasurer's report (*aka Bilan Financier*); and Accounts 2008. All are available on the AGM2008 page.

**Posted 20081005:** Three documents relevant to the ACCSO AGM on 1st November: Andy Crawford's presidential report; a paper on the importance of the next round of elections at the heart of France Cricket; and the latest (final?) instalment in the re-writing of ACCSO's Constitution. All available on the AGM2008 page.

**Posted 20080922:** Agenda for ACCSO AGM published to Club presidents. Copy visible on AGM2008 page.

Reminder of an earlier posting (20080808) : ACCSO AGM 2008: Club presidents have been informed of the date (1st November), time (14:00), and place (Damazan Hôtel des Associations). There's a lot of planning to do for 2009, with country-level elections, funding proposals to review, League & Cup, etc. Details and discussion papers in due course, most of which will be posted on the AGM2008 page.

**Posted 20080922:** Match report now available on Results page on EURO CCs win over Bordeaux CC in the match for the national title.

**Posted 20080901:** Tarn beat Angoulême in Siddalls Cup Final. Match report can be found on the Fixtures & Results page.

**Posted 20080825:** Match report on the Fixtures & Results page on Bordeaux' win over Tarn for the regional title.

**Posted 20080725:**

Two major club-based events coming up:

1. The Eymet Cricket Festival, which runs from 3rd - 8th August. Notice the once-in-lifetime opportunity to get yourself selected to play for a Presidents' XI !!

2. St Aulaye continues to provide a most valuable platform for junior cricket: its Junior Cricket Week starts on 1st August and goes through to 9th August, culminating in a match to help select the Aquitaine juniors for the ACCSO Junior Challenge match on 24th August, at Damazan.

Meanwhile, some surfers are banding together to form a club in Anglet (between Bayonne and Biarritz). Players, coaches, umpires or club administrators are invited to contact start-up man Ryan Green at [ryan.green@quiksilver-europe.com](mailto:ryan.green@quiksilver-europe.com)

**Posted 20080713:**

The regional sports people in Aquitaine seem to know something about the weather which the rest of us do not! They have issued a set of most useful documents in the case of another canicule. These can be found on the Good to Know! page; and they will be enforced by ACCSO at the semi-finals of both Cup & League and most especially at the Junior match at Damazan on 17th August.

There's a very useful commentary by Mr Umpiring (on the Umpiring page) on the leg-side wide rule being trialled in the Siddalls Cup. Essential reading for captains, bowlers, enthusiastic fielders and - of course - our umpires.

**Posted 20080623:**

If the sudden hot weather continues, umpires and captains (especially fielding captains) are asked to be flexible over the timing of drinks-breaks. Cardinal rule: take a break when one is needed, not when the rule book says so! And something useful to remember: places like Decathlon stock a very good product called 'Sodium Recovery tablets'. These have helped the folks at Damazan avoid dehydration, cramps and whatnot for several years now and they are highly recommended (except, of course, to those on a salt-free diet...). Play safe!!

**Posted 20080417:**

On the Regulations page - a Code of Conduct for our competition matches. There as a reminder of good sportsmanship: hopefully these sanctions will never need to be used in the south-west.

**Posted 20080722:**

1. Congratulations to Tarn on winning Pool D. And commiserations to Noé-Gascogne who ran them so close, and still have one game to play against Tarn to prove a point.... Details, as ever, on the Fixtures & Results page.

2. Tarn now go on to meet Bordeaux in a regional semi-final of the National League: that will be on 24th August, at Damazan. The winners will get a shot at the Paris region winners, in a game to be held in the south-west.

3. Two exciting Siddalls Cup matches this last week-end. St Aulaye took some revenge on Bordeaux for that recent close League game; and Tarn literally came from behind (after having been 20 for 4 off 11, Rion Kennedy made light of a slipped disc operation to score 85) to beat Noé-Gascogne inside the 35. Details in the Siddalls Cup section of the Fixtures & Results page.

4. ICC Europe's latest newsletter is available via the Good to Know! page.

Bordeaux have won Pool C, with just two balls to spare in a thrilling match against St Aulaye. Congratulations to them, and commiserations to Eymet who ran them close throughout. Bordeaux go on to the regional semi-final of the League, to play either Tarn or Noé-Gascogne, and probably at Damazan on 24th August.

**Posted 20080619:**

As from 1st July 2008, all cars travelling on the roads of France -whether registered in France or, say, the UK - must carry a fluorescent jacket ("gilet") and a standard-issue warning triangle. The jacket must be put on before a person leaves the car, at the time of an incident. On-the-spot fines will be levied as from 1st October 2008. Make sure to inform your friends; and don't forget to warn your visiting touring sides.

**Posted 20080616:**

Apart from yesterday's results & tables, new stuff includes a revision to the Pool C fixtures to take account of a re-arranged match; the latest edition of the 'Nompaire' magazine; and Issue 89 of the ICC Newsletter. All on the relevant pages. In passing, Issue 25 of the FFBS newsletter is available from the FFBS home page.

**Posted 20080609:**

First result of this year's Siddalls Cup campaign is now known: Toulouse beat Midi, at St-Pons-de-Mauchiens, last Saturday, thus securing a semi-final slot against either Angoulême or Catus. Midi had their revenge the following day, with a League win. Meanwhile, Bordeaux just squeezed past Angoulême in the last over of their Pool C game.

**Posted 20080412:**

Two updates for today, both in the Good to Know! section: the latest France Cricket newsletter is available on our site and there's an update to the links to sites which provide advice on associations such as ours (ACCSO and the member-clubs).

**Posted 20080410:**

Major item for today is the availability (via the Umpiring page) of the first allocation of umpires to our League & Cup games through to the quarter-finals of the Cup.

Issue n° 87 of the ICC Europe Newsletter is available, and there's a new cartoon introducing cricket in French (both of these are accessible via the Good to Know! page).

**Posted 20080402:**

- Congratulations to John Harding of St Aulaye for making it to the the French U17 squad for the season 2008. Good for him; but a bit of a blow to the *amour propre* of the region as a whole: John is the only one selected from hereabouts. Mike Gear has asked club presidents what we all are going to do to get a wider representation. Armagnac-BCC and Eymet have both come back with positive programmes to "outreach" to local schools. More of the same required, perhaps, on a broader front? And see the item further down about France Cricket funding....
- Tarn indoors @ Lyon ! Apart from announcing the final winners (Balbynien 93 - them, again!), the FC Web site shows only the details of Day 1. Enough to see that it was hard going for our friends at Tarn CC. Andy Crawford has graciously acknowledged that the best team in the tournament finally won it and that Tarn,, despite sending a strong squad, were rather overshadowed by the competition. We (the region) have a way to go yet to be able to hold our own, especially with the Parisian clubs. Pragmatically, Andy hopes that whichever "ACCSO" club carries the flag next year will be able to learn from Tarn's experiences, on and off the field.
- Catus CC now have their very own Web site, and really nice it looks! Pointer on the Club page.
- Not long to go until the first League games on 27th april. The regulations and such like will remain highlighted on the Regulations page. Club presidents have been reminded to ensure that all potential competitors are duly licenced - and insured for nets and warm-up games between times!
- Umpires will be interested in a sight of the minutes of the recent AGM of AFNEC, on the Umpiring page.
- The ICC (in the shape - literally - of Mike Gatting) has announced changes in the world of coaching. Your editor is bemused by all the wordsmithing - but you can see it for yourself from here. You will note that David Bordes is the formal French interface to all of this, and good luck to him, what with the contingent need for proof of a blank criminal record (shades of Blunkett & 'The Sun' !!).
- Begging the pardon of all the above, today's biggest news item is the announcement by Eddie Cannon (SG of FC) about the potential increase in the funding FC could get from the ICC in 2009. Eddie has framed all this very specifically in the context of broader support to the regions and all as part of making the whole structure of cricket in France more efficient and more effective, across the board. ACCSO clubs can help us to formulate our policy and requirements more precisely and improve our chances of getting more resources. Please read the [attached document](#) and let us have your views, your aspirations, and your project ideas... and all by 15th April, if you please!!

### **Posted 20080318:**

Another piece of sad news has reached us: the death of Tom Keeble, a pioneer of umpiring in France. Stephen Harrison's obituary is in the "[Umpiring](#)" section.

On the brighter side, there's good news about what we have to do *off* the field on League match-days. The "[Regulations](#)" section now contains *all* the documents that captains (and umpires) will need to be aware of and action. The Match Day Actions document is the key one: after all the good words at the AGM of France Cricket just now about how well the S-W clubs perform administratively, we now get to run our part of the National League even more locally... with reduced match day reporting requirements. Excellent news, but certain obligations still remain.....

**Posted 20080311:**

Lots to get your teeth into today!

\* The final wrinkles have been removed from the fixture list for Midi-Pyrénées (thanks to all who worked to get us there). This has enabled the Siddalls Cup programme dates to be completed. Updated links in the "[Fixtures & Results](#)" section to both files.

\* The AGM of France Cricket took place in Paris on 8th March. An early (unofficial) report back on highlights - including "in-person" feedback from the federal licences man and an important ruling on the Siddalls Cup - can be found by clicking [here](#).

\* Don't forget! Player licences not taken out by 15th March will cost 10% more.

**Posted 20080306:**

\* Pride of place today to the umpiring community! Please turn to the [Umpiring](#) page for a nice note from Stephen Harrison about the funeral of Tony Best; plus an equally sincere note about the trophy which has been awarded to Jan Curzons for her umpiring in 2007. And there's news - and photos - of the latest bunch of recruits to the fold.

**Posted 20080304:**

\* Presidents and treasurers of the 10 clubs who elected to enter the 2008 edition of the National League are asked to be sure to visit the [Regulations](#) page, where you will find loaded the final versions of the two entry forms to be printed off and returned to Stephen Harrison by 16th March. These forms will not necessarily be coming your way through any other medium.....

**Posted 20080229:**

\* We are very sorry to learn of the sudden death yesterday of Tony Best, former president of Eymet CC and a well-respected figure in the umpiring world: he umpired last year's final of the National League and had just been selected for international duty. Our thoughts are with

Dianne, and with Mark and Simon.

**Posted 20080228:**

\* The allocation of dates for the Cup and League matches is all but complete (just a couple of wrinkles to be ironed out in the Midi-Pyrénées division...but Aquitaine is all fixed).

\* Congratulations to Tarn CC on having won the M-P pool of the national indoor competition. Off to Lyon !

\* There will be a big charity event at Château Giscours on 30th March: an auction of incredible wines and a no less incredible cricket match between wine traders from Bordeaux & London. The match will start at 12 noon.

**Posted 20080221:**

\* The 2008 AGM of the French association of umpires & scorers (nompaires et entailleurs, to be precise) has been announced to these august persons... A copy of the agenda can be seen in our specialist umpiring section !

\* Proxies are coming in steadily for the AGM of France Cricket. Eddie Cannon has distributed a wealth of documents, including proposed changes to Statuts & Regulations.

**Posted 20080217:**

\* France Cricket officers (President, Secretary, etc.) have been given a list of current presidents of ACCSO clubs for top-down communications. If your club undergoes any change in its Bureau please remember to let Peter Townsend know.

\* Following on from the 15 Feb item (below) on Cadets born in 1993.... just to be sure that you can make use of this goodness, here's a link to an extract from the FFBS règlements généraux on the subject of surclassement. Remember that the new deal for the '93ers must also be signed off by David Bordes.

\* Licences !! Mme la présidente of the Aquitaine region of the FFBS points out that, as of today, not a single player is registered on the federal database as being licenced and paid up. She refers, of course, to the Napoleonic Aquitaine rather than to ACCSO's Aquitaine division (thus excluding Angoulême and Catus). The situation in Midi-Pyrénées has not been vouchsafed to me, but overall several clubs have not even downloaded the software yet....

Your Secretary is a dab hand at re-assuring the powers-that-be that all players will be registered and paid-up before the first matches start... but some of you guys are perhaps leaving your learning experience a little late. All the information you need to know about licensing is to be found on the federal site: just click on the tab Textes Officiels and scoll down to section 15, where you will find guides on how to use the software, plus a reminder of this year's tariffs. The essence of these items can also be seen on the Regulations page on this site.

**Posted 20080215:**

\* France Cricket have negotiated a special deal for youngsters born in 1993: there is now a real possibility that they can play in senior competitive matches. The standard rules for "double surclassement" have to be followed, with an additional sign-off required from David Bordes (our national technical director). Club presidents have been informed.

\* There's a new link on the "Good to Know!" page: to our colleagues in the North-West.

**Posted 20080128:**

\* The call ("Convocation") and Agenda for the AGM of France Cricket has been issued to ACCSO Club Presidents.

**Posted 20080125**

\*There's a whole wave of cricket-relevant AGMs (assemblées générales) coming up in the near future. This site will keep you informed! And we shall be looking to ensure good levels

of representation (directly, or via proxies). First up is the AGM of the Ligue d'Aquitaine (regional branch of the FFBS), to be held in Bordeaux on 9th February.

The AGM of France Cricket is in Paris on 8th March; the FFBS national AGM is one week later, also in Paris, on 15th March. Documents will be posted on this site. These are one-off occasions to say your piece!

\*The first set of Directions & Club Contacts is now accessible in the “Clubs in the S-W” section.

\* In its first 3 days of operation, this site received no fewer than 64 separate visits, accessing a total of 295 pages. Thank you for your interest! Our job now is to keep you coming back for more.....

**Posted 20080123:**

\* The draw for the 2008 edition of the Siddalls South West Cup can now be seen in the “Fixtures & Results” section.

\* Bordeaux CC have announced that all of their home matches this year will be played at Château Giscours (33460 Labarde). Directions are included in the “Clubs in the S-W” section below and Ch Giscours' own site is worth a visit.

\* The journey data (distances, times) shown in the “Looking for Cricket?” section have been revised and are now based on searches made on mappy.com. These look much more "correct" and certainly take less time.

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