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A message from the Chairman, Jonny Evans

Dear All,

Welcome to this very special publication to celebrate 50 years of Belmont Cricket Club, now Belmont & Edgware Cricket Club. 20 years ago I was at school, aged 17, when Ben Schwarz, who was in my class asked me if I wanted to play cricket that Sunday. At that stage, unencumbered, I was more available than I am these days and replied in the affirmative.

I turned up at Harrow Recreation Ground for the BECC 3rd XI to play against Southgate. Skipped by Jeremy Freeman, apparently we had been handily beaten by Southgate just a few weeks earlier. Not this time. After bowling Southgate out for 102, I opened the batting with the legendary Cliff Horowitz (z"). Despite Cliff hooking one delivery into his own face, he and I put on a century partnership and we won by 10 wickets. I was assured that this was not normal.

And so started my now 20 year involvement with this great club. It has given me some great memories and some great friends. A particular highlight was the away day in Manchester for the Cup semi-final in 2010. Specifically the night before, although an away win also helped.

For several years I was treasurer on the committee. We will not dwell on Neil Myeroff leading a few of us astray briefly, but Adam Jacobs then invited me to the 40th anniversary dinner, which must have been about 10 years ago now. The evening was so joyous and had such a positive atmosphere that it really encapsulated everything that was special about BECC. It enticed me back and soon I was back on the committee as club secretary, although I could never live up to the lofty standards set by Ellis Tuhim.

When Mark Ableson stood down as club chairman, I was grateful to be elected as his successor. Particular highlights in the past two years have been the Azeem Rafiq fundraiser, participating in the exhibition at the Lords museum and the fantastic 50th anniversary game back in June.

I feel enormously privileged to be the current chair of your club. Following in all of the great names who have played previously along of course with the current players. I am very aware that I am holding this position for future players and will always endeavour to leave the club in a better place than I found it.

Inspired by that put together for the 20th anniversary celebrations, we wanted to put together this short(er) booklet as a memento of 50 very special years. I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed towards this and in particular to the efforts of the publication sub-committee of Jack Mendel and Zack Gothelf. A further shout-out has to go to the 50th anniversary celebrations sub-committee of Mark Ableson, Ryan Monk and Adam Jacobs for all of their hard work. I genuinely do not know what I am going to do with all my spare time next year. Hopefully fit in a game or two.

Here's to the next 50 years.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBI

I am delighted to extend my very best wishes to all those associated with Belmont and Edgware Cricket Club on the occasion of your 50th anniversary.

One of my favourite sporting analogies comes from the world of cricket: I often say that we should all strive to be like batters and not bowlers. We should make it our aim to score as many runs for our team as possible, rather than trying to bowl others out – championing the causes we believe in without demonising others. It's a valuable formula for a life of service and responsibility, though perhaps not for a successful cricket team!

I do very much hope that Belmont and Edgware will continue to go from strength to strength, both on and off the pitch, for many years to come. A huge Mazaltov on this wonderful milestone!

With very best wishes,



Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis KBE



Some words from Stephen Fry

To all at the Belmont & Edgware Cricket Club,

At a time when we British Jews seem to be doubting our place in British culture and society, well - I can't tell you how much it warms the heart to think of this wonderful cricket club reaching its 50th year. Much kvelling and nachas.

I had the honour to be President of the MCC for 2022/23, the first Jew to fill that role, and during that time a pair of Jewish members put together a remarkable exhibition at our museum celebrating the history of Jewish players in international and domestic cricket.

I was surprised to find out how rich and deep our influence and presence in the game had been. We tend to be expert at mocking ourselves in the areas in which we think we do not excel, athletics and sports being our favourite fields of apparently hopelessness. Cricket, with its reputation for public school and Oxbridge elitism does indeed seem an unlikely pursuit for the average Jew (as if there is such a thing as an average Jew).

But cricket is a much much better and more widely played game than that outdated image suggests. Its infinite variety, its subtlety, the complexity, colour and wonder of its statistics (hey, who's the best statistician around at the moment?)

Why Andy Zaltzman by a mile of course!) all the richness and strangeness, eccentricity and drama are qualities that naturally appeal to the Jewish mind and spirit.

In fifty years, the Belmont & Edgware has done sterling service to the game and to enthusiastic Jewish players and lovers of cricket. The next fifty years I confidently predict will see a widening of the player base, an increase in the number of girls and women playing and an expansion of the club's reach and reputation.

As I write this, it is an anxious-making time for Jews in Britain. Membership, full glad participation and pride in British cultural institutions like cricket are, in my view at least, a much better way forward for us than withdrawal and silence. So three cheers for Belmont & Edgware and here's to another fifty years.

Stephen Fry is a former MCC President, actor, broadcaster, comedian, director, narrator, writer, and British-Jewish personality



Belmont & Edgware chair Jonny Evans, with Stephen Fry, at the launch of the MCC exhibition on the contribution of Jews to cricket, at the Lord's Museum

A few words from Life President, Ronnie Palester

When I formed the club in 1974 I never thought that I would be writing this article and it gives me great pleasure to see the club is still going strongly after 50 years.

I am sure by amalgamating with Edgware Wanderers a few years ago was a great help to both clubs.

During the last 50 years there has been many ups and downs.

There has been many outstanding achievements for the club and individuals.

The club getting to many Stuart Neil's finals and winning some as well as getting to the final of the Mayor of Harrows T20 plate competition.

As for the individuals Phillip Ellis scoring 206 in one match. David Freedman and John Field both taking 10 wickets in 2 different matches. Also as wicket keeper I had 2 stumping and 2 catches in one match.

We ran 3 teams and on 2 occasions we had a 4th which no other clubs have achieved and thanks to the late Eric Diamond who ran 3 colts teams.

Personally I have enjoyed working with many Captains and other members of the club.

It is nice to see all the old and new members at the celebration 50th dinner.

There are to many people to thank to ensure the club is in its 50th year.

Finally I wish the club all the very best for the future.



Ronnie Palester with Jonny Evans at the BECC 50th anniversary fixture
(George Watson Photography)

The merger of Belmont & Edgware

by Harvey Samuels

Once upon a time, there was a small local Jewish cricket club 'Edgware Wanderers' and a much larger, more established Jewish cricket club 'Belmont', both clubs were successful in their own way, Edgware Wanderers had been Maccabi League Division 1 and Division 3 Winners as well as Runners up of the Stuart Neils Cup (a Jewish 40 over knock-out cup competition); Belmont had won the Stuart Neils Cup on many occasions as well as the Maccabi League Division 2 as well as a number of county indoor and outdoor cricket competitions.

My early memory of the merger began towards the end of the year 2003.

I had been contacted by the then Edgware Wanderers Captain, Richard 'Richie' Weinburg who wanted to discuss an important cricket matter with me. Not knowing what this concerned, he suggested we meet for coffee, which we did, for him to sow the seeds of the idea of a potential merger with Belmont CC. Richie explained that he has already discussed the idea with influential players from both clubs, Ami and Jonny Wynbourne from Edgware and Eddie Davis and David Ritterband from Belmont.

Although, for quite a while, I had been thinking about my involvement in Edgware's future plans, I needed a few days to ponder the idea of such a merger and then met the aforementioned persons to discuss further. At a follow up meeting, Mark Ableson & Neil Myeroff of Belmont joined us and the idea was further 'sold' to all.

The prospect of a 'super Jewish club' sounded extremely exciting and so, the merger was put into place albeit awaiting the outcome of a vote by the Belmont membership.

After a period of time, (I do not recall exactly how long, I guess a few weeks), Belmont's

membership voted in favour of the proposed merger plans and so the hard work began.

Further meetings took place over a period of time, a newly formed interim committee, now comprising of Ronnie Palester, Neil Myeroff, Eli Perl and Michael Blasebalk from Belmont and myself, Richie, Ellis Tuhim and Tony Allan from Edgware and then the hardest part of all, agreeing on a new club name – was it going to be Edgware & Belmont or Belmont & Edgware or even as some suggested, a combination of both names. After some lengthy discussion, a compromise was met and agreed upon that the new name would be BELMONT & EDGWARE CC with the understanding that both names would always be used in the media.

And so, as of the 2004 season, the newly-formed BELMONT & EDGWARE CC took to the field for the first time led out by Richie Weinburg and the rest is history.

In the 20 years of the merged Club there have been highs and lows however, overall, I feel very satisfied and that we are a true major success within Jewish cricket.

Thanks go to the established players of the time, like Neil Myeroff, Jeremy Freeman and Ellis Tuhim whose efforts on and off the field moved the club forward in the early days and passed the baton onto the younger players of the time like Elliott Mayer, followed by Mitchell and Greg and further on to today's younger generation.

If it wasn't for Richie sowing the seeds back then, history would have been different but I can see that the future is looking very bright. Thank you to everyone past and present as well as those who are no longer with us, Richard Ableson and Cliff Horowitz.

Belmont through the years

To honour the five decades of the club's existence we asked some individuals who have been involved through each decade to provide us with a few words about their time with the club. We thank Ronnie Palester, Jeremy Lawrence, Mark Ableson, Ashley Connick, Elliott Mayer and Jack Mendel for their contributions.

The first decade: 1974 - 84

by Ronnie Palester

In Shul for Rosh Hashana in 1973 I was sitting with a few other members when someone said we should try and arrange a cricket team, which we all thought was a good idea.

During the next few months of phone calls and meetings, articles went in the Shul weekly and in March 1974 about 12 of us went to Kenton Park for practice which we had done for about 6 weeks prior, with some people.

We did not know one end of the bat to the other.

But eventually we played our first game as Belmont Synagogue and we were all out for 19.

We then played a few more with Paul Horowitz as captain for that season, and the following 2 seasons we had a full fixture list just playing friendlies but always getting new and better players.

In 1987 our home ground was Whitchurch Playing Ground which was our home pitch for many years. Phil Benjamin took over the Captaincy and we joined the AJY league which encouraged more and better players to join and we had a good season.



Mark Ableson alongside Ronnie, with former captains Ryan Monk and Warren Averbuch on the left (George Watson Photography)

We also became as known Belmont and started playing in the Mayor of Harrow 20-over tournament.

Eventually we had a second XI which played friendlies only, and for a while had no regular captain.

After Many years Phil gave up the captaincy and Jeremy Lawrence became captain. Over the years our strength and results of fixtures improved a lot even in the Mayor of Harrow Cup which had some very strong teams.

After the next couple of years more people joined the club and occasionally we had 3 teams out on a Sunday as well as starting a colts team for U15s.

By 1984 there was many achievements with the club and individual players including David Freeman taking 10/27 in 1978 and John Field taking 10/24 in 1981.

Belmont through the years

The second decade: 1984-1994

by Jeremy Lawrence

I joined Belmont CC as a tearaway bowler in 1981.

I had no aspirations to be a batsman (sorry - old school) and on the occasions I did get to the crease, normally a straight ball was enough for me but every now and then I would connect.

I had no set plan about bowling, just run in and get it there as fast as I could.

The only weapon I had in my armoury was a slower ball which often got wickets much to Lionel Rose's amusement, as he would burst out laughing on such occasions.

There wasn't much "camaraderie" among Jewish teams during the early 1980's, and one of the first things I did when taking up the captaincy (was in conjunction with the ever enthusiastic - his contribution to Belmont CC can never be understated - Ronnie Palester) was playing under the Belmont name but incorporating players from other Jewish sides and regularly entering the Mayor Of Harrow's Trophy.

This brought together the clubs, and led to a long period of great relationships and great matches between other clubs. We did reach the semi final of the Trophy one year and the final

of the plate (teams going out in first round of the Trophy). I was witness to Belmont growing and growing sometimes having 4 eleven's on a Sunday.

For my part, I changed from a bowler to a batsman and enjoyed a fair bit of success as an opening bat having given up bowling completely. Mind you, I was captain so I could do what I wanted.

My time at Belmont ended in 1993, when I joined MAL for six seasons. But in 2000 I was asked to come back to Belmont for one season as captain while they went through a transitional period.

Too many good people to mention here, but again I wish to pay testament to Ronnie Palester, without whom there would be no Belmont CC. I had a great 13 years at Belmont and have never had regrets joining them. I loved every minute. Well nearly every minute.

I wish everyone connected with this great cricket club the very best and here's to the next 50 years.

Belmont through the years

The third decade: 1994-2004

by Mark Ableson

I joined Belmont in 1993, having played previously for two 'teams'. This was a new experience for me as this was a CLUB, not a team

At that time there was: Three Sunday teams, two colts teams, two indoor teams and midweek matches, on top of supper quizzes in conjunction with Barnet Shul.

So, huge kudos to Graham Shaw who was chairman at the time for keeping all the balls in the air.

The 1st team was a formidable outfit with fine players like Hilton Nathanson, and Phillip Ellis, skippered by Doug Greenston, a pretty decent all rounder himself

The 2nds were deftly run by Richard 'Monty' Carlowe while the 3rds, which was a very happy unit also had a full fixture list.

Over time, from memory, Jonny Feigenbaum succeeded Doug and both these skippers bought home Stuart Neils trophies as well as doing us proud in the league's they played in.

My main recollections are playing many games with my son, an experience a few current lucky dads are doing themselves. Roy Davies actually had two sons playing at the same time.

There is something indefinable about this club, which is why it has survived after 50 years and is still thriving.

Yet times got harder for the club before the merger, and we lost the 3rd team (mind you Ronnie will be happy to tell you about the day he got four teams out!).



Mark with former South African cricketer Mandy Yachad at the Lord's museum

Interesting to note that the club legend that is Blasey joined us in 1995, and Mr Nice Guy Nick Mcleod came two years later and are both still involved, in Blasey's case, playing most weeks

As the new millennium arrived we were approached by Edgware CC to meet and see what could be achieved by joining force. Harvey Samuels will recall I insisted we keep the Belmont name first.

This merger worked well as the teams became stronger and trophies started to be won by both teams, at this point Richie Weinberg deserves a shout out as he proved to be a fine club captain.

To finish, I must mention some other very hard working club captains over the last 15 years.

Ashley Connick, Ryan Monk and Adam Jacobs, in particular; without their dedication, the club may well have folded.

So well done to you all. Elliott continues this fine tradition of dedicated skippers, and will be a difficult act to follow.

It was an honour to be chairman for the long period I served for, and Jonny Evans is doing a fine job in keeping the good ship Belmont on an even keel.

Congratulations to all who have showed their affection for the club by turning up to the anniversary game and tonight.

Here's to the next milestone.

Belmont through the years

The fourth decade: 2004-2014

by Ashley Connick, former club captain

Twenty years ago this year, Belmont CC and Edgware Wanderers CC became greater than the sums of their respective parts to make Belmont & Edgware CC.

I had been around Belmont for a number of years, watching my dad play at every opportunity, in summers at various parks and schools around north London and in winters on a Sunday night in the gym at Harrow High School.

I'd made my Belmont debut in 2003, alongside my dad, and 2004 held the promise of more players to compete with and learn from. We were all still getting to know each other, the highlight of that first year (for me) being the 2nd XI beating the 1st XI in a league game at Parmiter's.

The first few years of the new club represents a special time for me, filled with unforgettable moments and personal growth in cricket and life. I learned a great deal from so many people, of whom I think regularly with great fondness. Richie Wienburg fostered a brilliant spirit in difficult circumstances, and I loved being part of it.

We were so fortunate to have some fantastic players, so many different personalities and attributes. I was lucky enough to bounce between first and second teams, getting to know everyone well and bonding through our love of the game. I'll refrain from just listing players I played, but I think fondly of afternoons spent watching Eddie Davis eke out fifties and Herschel Gutman churn out hundreds, of car journeys with the late Richard Ableson or Blasey, having printed out the map to some backwater club ground from the AA website.

In a neat illustration of how my personal development was bound up in that of the club, we won the 2006 Stuart Neils Cup the weekend before I went off to university, and at the end of 2009 when I returned to London full time I took on the role as club captain.

Leading the team on and off the field was a responsibility I embraced wholeheartedly, writing match reports and making panicked phone calls to round up 11 on a Sunday morning; I hold that season



The best of Belmont (Jewish Chronicle, 29 September 2006)



Cricket ball meets car window

partially responsible for my current hairstyle. We had such a fantastic spirit throughout my time at the club but, I felt, particularly that season.

Our trip to Manchester for the Stuart Neils Cup semi-final was the highlight, a great weekend where cricket was both incidental and central, playing on a muddy mess of a pitch in South Manchester and watching as Oli Simons smashed the opposition skipper's car window with a massive six to take us to a final from a near-unwinnable position.

See above...

We may not have won the final (still not over it 14 years later) but I loved that season so much.

My availability dropped off as I went back into education, and then stopped entirely when

I moved overseas, but BECC will always be my formative club, the family environment that grew up alongside me.

The club evolved significantly in those first few years, with a changing of the guard from my dad's generation to mine (Neil Myeroff and the late Cliff Horowitz excepted).

The journey with BECC was about more than just cricket.

It was about growth, friendship, and a shared passion for the sport.

Playing alongside my dad, witnessing the merger, and ultimately captaining the team are memories I cherish deeply, as are the thoughts of every squashed changing room and every player I shared them with.

Belmont through the years

The latest decade: 2014-2024

by Current club captain, Elliott Mayer, and seconds skipper, Jack Mendel

We have been playing together, for almost 20 years.

It's astonishing to think of it like this, but Jack debuted in 2007 aged 14, while Elliott came through in 2004, believe or not as an opening bowler.

Fast-forward to 2014, and Elliott had already established himself as a top-order batsman, opening with current chairman Jonny Evans.

The batting order was solid under the guise of Adam Jacobs, with Aussie Dan Frumar, Jacobs, and allrounder Scott Gerard providing impetus.

The attack was powerful too, with Jonny Eintracht and Scott forming a formidable partnership, with the likes of Frumar, David Kaplan, Jacobs and Ben Tilley, bringing up the rear.

This period brought success, and stability, as when he took over, Mayer took us back into league cricket.

There were some incredible performances, including a one-run victory against Uxbridge when Tilley the iceman was born, and a memorable win against Crouch End, where Jacobs got a ton, and Eintracht a hat-trick.

Yet, after teetering on the brink within living memory, there was no complacency about the club finding its feet again. We both wanted to



Mendel and Mayer marking 150 games each

make sure the club had continued success, and tried to lead from the front.

Elliott did this. He smashed three centuries and 10 fifties, (including a 99* but let's not talk about this), to become one of the club's main batsmen.

Mendel had mixed fortunes as he battled with the confidence to bowl leg-spin, his true cricketing calling.

For much of this time, it was wobbly seam, apart from a few years where spin was trialled. There was some success but it's a difficult art, and the yips got through, so it was put on hold.

It was perhaps not until the pandemic arrived in 2020, that we both took responsibility and



Mendel is the leading wicket taker, and Mayer the leading run-scorer, in the website era!

embraced roles helping to run the club - alongside our hard-working committee - not least Adam Morris, who has been an absolute driving force.

Mayer became captain as restrictions started to lift, while Mendel found the confidence to spin again, eventually taking on the seconds captain role too (sorry for the relentless Whatsapp messages everyone.)

As we write this, we sit at the top of the tree on the website for runs (Mayer) and wickets (Mendel) respectively.

But, we are in full knowledge that there are many greats before us, who did not play in the

website era. We have tried to safeguard the club's future holding a fundraiser with Azeem Rafiq, being recognised at the Lord's Museum where a shirt proudly hangs, and proudly marking the club's fiftieth anniversary.

The club is now in a great place with lots of members and a large recent influx of strong, young players which is a great sign that the future is bright.

We'll always be eternally grateful for what has come before us, and which laid the foundations, and we have no doubt the club will be in safe hands for many years to come.

Some thoughts from down under!

by Rabbi David Freedman

It is amazing to think that the original Belmont Cricket Club (as it was originally called) is now 50 years young.

I have in front of me, as I write this piece, the BCC “20 Years Not Out” booklet which was published in 1994.

In it is a short message from the original president of the club, yours truly. I wrote, “My memories are a bit fuzzy on some of the details of the matches in which I played.

On the 10 wicket haul, I do recall Roy Davis bowling throughout at the other end and having two catches put down.”

But thanks to those two lapses in the field I took all ten and still have the ball to prove it. I still reckon my best bowling was 8 wickets for 4 runs on an unplayable pitch.

I was also fortunate that my dear friend and best man, Arnold Wagner was wicket keeper that day and he had a blinder! I am absolutely pumped to think that I still hold the record for the most five-fers in the club's history.

What I do recall was the camaraderie of the club which made every match a lot of fun – win, draw or lose.

At the very beginning the club was part of Belmont Synagogue and most of the players came from the synagogue membership.

Often the wives and children would join us for the game (and make the teas), but as we joined a local Sunday league and then a midweek competition, and then developed the ‘colts’ section of the club, so we spread the net wider in order to find players who were passionate about the game.

Although I don't play cricket anymore – I remain pretty active on the golf course, playing two or three times a week.

I have been a member of Long Reef, a beautiful links course overlooking the Pacific Ocean, since 1995 and thanks to my training in cricket I am still playing off 15 and a couple of months ago got my first Hole in One in Australia during one of the weekly competitions – drinks all round!

We are however, members of the famed SCG (Sydney



Rabbi David Freedman with his coveted BECC trophy, down under

Cricket Ground).

It took ten years from application to full membership (now I understand it takes much longer) – but it is truly one of the most beautiful and historic test grounds in the world and in most years you will find large numbers of the Freedman clan in the members' section for the New Year's Test.

I was there when the late Shane Warne played his first Test Match in 1992 and was hit all over the park by the Indian team, particularly Ravi Shastri who made a double century, and a very young Sachin Tendulkar who made 148 not out.

I was also there when Brian Lara made his first ever test century in 1993 – he went on to make a brilliant 277, eventually being run out by his team mate, Carl Hooper.

Warner's century before lunch was another stand-out, as was Michael Clarke's triple century. But the sweetest moment was when England won the Ashes in Australia in 2011, and we were on our feet as three of the English team made centuries (Cook, Bell and Prior) and whipped the Aussies by an innings and 83 runs.

I must say, cheering on the Poms at the SCG is a dangerous pursuit, but we have survived to tell the tale!

Finally I must pay a tribute to all my early playing partners and especially Ronnie Palester who was the Hon. Sec. in those early days in Belmont and made sure that everything was organised properly.

From a bit of a crazy idea all those years ago – the club came into being – and may the Belmont & Edgware Cricket Club continue to go from strength to strength for another fifty years and more.

Best wishes from Down Under.

A typical Sunday

by Maurice and Gavi Lowinger



Dad and lad: Maurice and Gavi have been wonderful additions to the club

Maurice: Come on Gavi, match starts in 45 and Jack wants us there early!

Gavi: Chill, we're only going to Knebworth...

Maurice: Yeah, and that's a 40 minute trip!

Gavi: Exactly, we'll be there 5 minutes early!

Maurice: I suppose it won't matter you being late, seeing as you never bat anyway and with your fielding at point looking more like a Greek statue...

Gavi: Greek god more like. Anyway, I'd rather be a statue than a creaking skeleton at short leg.

Maurice: Oi, none of that lip boychik. Plenty of catches taken by this skeleton... hands of steel.

Gavi: Yup. Immovable steel plates that couldn't catch one that went straight to you the other week!

Maurice: Boy was that ball traveling (wistful look)

Gavi: It was, I saw a snail zoom past it.

Maurice: Ok, but what about my running catch? Eh? Pretty good!

Gavi: Well, if you consider almost dropping it 'Pretty Good', oh and not forgetting that you had to use two hands. Some of us Dad only need one hand to catch a ball.

Maurice: Granted, that one handed caught and bowled was pretty special (smiling) and at the 50th anniversary match! Nice stuff. That day was great eh?

Gavi: Yeah, Belmont is a proper club. So glad Kappers asked me to come to winter nets, otherwise I probably wouldn't be played here.

Maurice: It was great to see so many other Dads with their son's. Shimon with Elisha, Kappers with Ali and Cam.

Gavi: Don't forget Phil was there with Elliott and Greg.

Maurice: Yup. Oh and Roy came to watch Stuart. You know that...

Gavi: Yes, yes they are our cousins. Even Grandpa played for Belmont way back when. Back to my catch, I can't believe Grandpa didn't get it on video, would have been great to have shared that with my mates.

Maurice: I've got it right here in my head. I'll remember that one for a while

Gavi: I know, but no one sees what inside your head. I'm pretty sure Akash struggled to understand what was in your head with your calling for those runs the other week.

Maurice: Steady on now. More runs in one inning than you in six!

Gavi: I've only actually batted in one match!

Maurice: Not the point son, take the opportunities when they arrive!

Gavi: Nah, Nah Nah, not having that! I was number 11 and we needed 100 runs with 10 overs to go, what do you want me to do?

Maurice: Protect your wicket! "Aye, Geoff Boycott (said in Yorkshire draw!) would never 'ave given away 'is wicket as easily as thou son".

Gavi: Dad?!

Maurice: Yes Gavi.

Gavi: I'm in the car, can we go now?

Maurice: Oh yeah. By the way. Love playing with you son.

Gavi: Me too Dad!

A family affair

by the Mayer family

The Mayer family have now been involved with BECC for over two decades.

We are proud to play for the club and have been lucky enough to have created many special memories together as father, sons and brothers.

Cricket has been an important part of our family for many years. Grandpa Henry used to walk up the road from his house to watch Totteridge CC play and there is now a bench at the ground in his memory. He was also an MCC member for almost 30 years and introduced Philip to the game. Philip didn't play that much when he was younger but was lucky enough to gain full MCC membership at just 21 years old when the membership was being expanded. Once he had Elliott, Mitchell and Gregory, he would take them to Lords every summer to watch England play which was how they fell in love with the game.

The boys played cricket at school and for Old Owens Colts but wanted to play adult cricket as soon as they could. Philip was talking to Roy Davis (now BECC Life Vice President) one day asking if he knew of cricket team with a colts section. Roy said that BECC had 3 teams and wanted young players to help fulfil fixtures.

Elliott started in 2004, then Mitchell followed in 2005. They played together quite a lot and remember being taken to games in the back of Tony Allen's van on several occasions! They both started life as bowlers and took a number of wickets between them. Elliott even had to finish one of Mitchell's overs once as

he injured his wrist during an over and had to leave the field. Mitchell also nearly denied Elliott of his maiden century. They were batting together and Mitchell tried to refuse a single off the final ball of the penultimate over - Elliott pulled rank and made sure that Mitchell ran and was ultimately able to get the runs he needed off the final over to get to his first century. Philip was also umpiring at the time and it was a proud moment for him too.

Philip started playing in 2006, initially to help out when the team was short. But he soon became an important batsmen, opening with Elliott for many years and earning the nickname 'Boom Boom Mayer'.

Finally, Gregory came along in 2013. He also started out as a bowler and more recently, like the others, has become a solid batsman. There were several occasions when all four of us played together which was nice. Mitchell no longer plays cricket and is about to have a baby girl, maybe she will continue the Mayer legacy in a few years time!



Mitch, Greg, Phil and Ell in 2013! How time flies

Roll of honour

compiled by Zack Gothelf

The Roll of Honour sets out all centuries and five-wicket hauls for Belmont & Edgware C.C. and its predecessor Belmont C.C. This has been compiled through a collection of online records and hard copy scorecards, fixture lists and newspaper archives. In preparing these records we looked at the booklet produced for the 20th anniversary of the club in 1994 which explained that no scorebooks from the first four years of the club's life are known to exist and so statistics have only been able to be compiled since 1978. Those who have dedicated their time over the past 50 years to score matches, keep records and centralise statistics, their hard work is greatly appreciated by all. If anyone is aware of any missing or incorrect records then please do let us know.

It is worth highlighting that in the past 50 years there have been 61 centuries scored

by 33 players for the club and 138 five wicket hauls taken by 76 different players. Phillip Ellis holds the highest individual score with 206* made in 1994. Hilton Nathanson has the most centuries for the club with 6. David Freedman and Jonathan Field both took all 10 wickets in an innings for the club, taking 10/27 in 1978 and 10/24 in 1981 respectively. Jeremy Lawrence and Jeremy Freeman have each taken a record 8 5-wicket hauls for the club.

There is also an elite group of 8 allrounders who have scored at least one century and taken at least one five wicket haul for the club, they are: Adam Jacobs, Ashley Connick, Daniel Frumar, Herschel Gutman, Hilton Nathanson, Jeff Permutt, Phillip Ellis and Simon Lawrence.

Batting

The list of 61 centurions is as follows:

Batter	Score	Year	Batter	Score	Year
Phillip Ellis	206*	1994	Pavan Surepeddi	179*	2022
Michael Glass	156*	1994	Hilton Nathanson	154*	1995
Phillip Ellis	153*	1994	Scott Gerard	150*	2024
Hilton Nathanson	146*	1992	Simon Durban	144*	2008
Ashley Connick	137	2006	Tim Bolot	129	1995
David Gray	126	2022	Hilton Nathanson	125*	1997
Herschel Gutman	125	2007	Hilton Nathanson	121	1993
David Connick	120	1997	Nigel Canin	118*	1993
Martin Guenzl	117	1994	Adam Myeroff	116*	1996
Daniel Frumar	115*	2017	Phillip Ellis	114*	1983

Adam Jacobs	114*	2018	Jonny Feigenbaum	112	1996
Stuart Davis	110*	1994	Hilton Nathanson	110*	1997
Jonny Feigenbaum	110	2000	Jonny Feigenbaum	110	2002
Elliott Mayer	109	2018	Herschel Gutman	108*	2006
Shaun Hart	108*	2006	Elliott Mayer	108*	2017
Adam Jacobs	108*	2018	Simon Lawrence	108	1995
Ashley Connick	108	2009	David Connick	107	1998
Jonny Feigenbaum	106*	1998	Simon Lawrence	106	1995
Ilan Selby	106	2024	Eddie Davis	104*	2005
Stuart Davis	104	2002	Phillip Ellis	103*	1981
Jeff Permutt	103*	1989	Mark Spanjar	103*	2022
Joe Kidd	103*	2024	Harvey Davis	103	1993
Hilton Nathanson	103	1995	Eddie Davis	102*	2002
Adam Myeroff	102	1996	Anthony Klein	102	2004
Richard Reggel	102	2005	Herschel Gutman	102	2006
Eddie Davis	101*	2002	Herschel Gutman	101*	2007
Elliott Mayer	101*	2013	Elliott Mayer	101*	2022
Graham Shaw	101	1992	Adam Myeroff	101	1998
Jonny Kay	101	2011	Brian Green	100*	1989
Mark Graber	100*	1993	Martin Guenzl	100	1995
Herschel Gutman	100	2006			

Bowling

A list of all five-wicket hauls taken by the club are set out below. In places the years that the wickets were taken are not known, all that is known is that they occurred between 1978 and 1994:

Bowler	Figures	Year	Bowler	Figures	Year
Jonathan Field	10/24	1981	David Freedman	10/27	1978
Mark Shooter	9/29	1988	Jon Silverstone	9/29	1992
David Freedman	8/4	1979	Craig Cohen	8/8	1991
Jeremy Lawrence	8/17	1982	Ashley Gordon	8/24	1987
Ashley Gordon	7/5	1987	Jeff Permutt	7/10	
Jeremy Lawrence	7/26	1984	Abe Hillel	7/35	1981
Michael Gordon	7/53	1996	Stan Steinbock	7/55	

Arnold Harris	7/56	1980	Ashley Gordon	6/7	1984
Doug Greenston	6/9	1988	Craig Cohen	6/9	1991
Stuart Herman	6/11	1979	David Kaplan	6/12	2006
Jon Blain	6/13	2001	Russell Bernstein	6/14	1989
David Freedman	6/16	1978	Jeremy Lawrence	6/17	1982
Phillip Ellis	6/18	1982	Jeff Permutt	6/18	1985
Doug Greenston	6/18	1995	Alfie Davis	6/18	2024
Mark Abelson	6/19	1993	Roy Davis	6/20	1979
Simon Lawrence	6/20	1982	Jeremy Lawrence	6/22	1982
G Davis	6/26	1998	Mark Berman	6/27	1982
Neil Myeroff	6/28	1996	Adam Morris	6/28	2021
Richard Ross	6/31	1982	Jeremy Lawrence	6/34	1981
Simon Kamen	6/34	1992	Jeremy Lawrence	6/35	1981
Doug Greenston	6/35	1992	Jeremy Freeman	6/35	2001
Stuart Herman	6/36	1978	Simon Lawrence	6/38	1982
Phillip Ellis	6/39	1992	Davd Freedman	6/41	1980
Mark Abelson	6/47	1996	Jeremy Freeman	6/49	1994
Jeremy Freeman	6/50	1993	Stuart Davis	6/57	2003
David Freedman	6/60	1980	Stephen Berlofsky	6/62	1997
Stuart Herman	5/5	1982	Gavi Lowinger	5/5	2024
Jeremy Freeman	5/5	1987	Jeremy Lawrence	5/5	
Jeremy Freeman	5/6	1994	Neil Myeroff	5/6	2007
Jeremy Turek	5/11	1991	Phil Permutt	5/11	1990
Jeff Brova	5/11	1995	David Tapnack	5/11	
Frank Dryer	5/12		Aron Caplan	5/13	1989
Jonny Wynbourne	5/13	2004	David Rosenzweig	5/13	2004
Hilton Nathanson	5/13		Abe Hillel	5/14	1980
Roy Davis	5/14	1980	Roy Davis	5/14	1982
Marc Corper	5/14	1996	Howard Hirsch	5/15	1986
Neil Myeroff	5/15	1998	Cliff Horowitz	5/15	2003
Jack Mendel	5/15	2024	Jack Mendel	5/17	2021
Jeremy Freeman	5/18	1993	Uriel Lev	5/18	2022
Daniel Humphrey	5/18	2023	John Lederman	5/20	

Clive Geller	5/20	1996	Stuart Herman	5/21	1981
Herschel Gutman	5/21	2007	Stephen Berlofsky	5/22	2016
Jonny Eintracht	5/22	2019	Jeremy Lawrence	5/23	1981
Neil Myeroff	5/23	1994	Gideon Restan	5/23	2006
Marc Corper	5/24	1994	Roy Davis	5/24	1995
Adam Morris	5/24	2020	Raymond Harrod	5/25	1993
Joe Saleh	5/25	2016	Jonathan Evans	5/25	2022
David Freedman	5/27	1979	Josh Reynolds	5/27	2022
Richard Carlowe	5/28	1993	Barry Frankfurt	5/28	1993
David Shaw	5/28	1984	Ashley Connick	5/28	2004
Norman Bar	5/28	2004	Adam Cowan	5/29	1996
Michael Gordon	5/29	1996	David Dubiner	5/30	
Clive Geller	5/30	1997	Neil Myeroff	5/30	2002
Mark Abelson	5/31	2001	Zack Gothelf	5/31	2021
Zack Gothelf	5/31	2024	Tony Blake	5/31	
Richard Wienburg	5/32	2008	Daniel Frumar	5/32	2017
Jeremy Freeman	5/33	1992	Doug Greenston	5/33	1994
Richard Wienburg	5/34	2006	David Freedman	5/35	1979
Simon Lawrence	5/35	1982	Andy Tapachnik	5/35	
Ben Schwarz	5/36	2004	Grant Levitas	5/36	2004
Daniel Quint	5/36		Jeremy Freeman	5/38	1998
Adam Jacobs	5/40	2015	Hilton Nathanson	5/41	1993
Mark Abelson	5/41	1997	Gideon Restan	5/41	2010
Keith Aizen	5/42	2005	Marc Corper	5/43	1997
Zack Gothelf	5/45	2021	David Freedman	5/48	1979
David Shaw	5/48	1995	Richard Haring	5/49	2006
Jack Mendel	5/51	2022	S Simon	5/54	
Stuart Herman	5/55	1980	Richard Reggel	5/55	2006
Adam Jacobs	5/55	2014	Richard Carlowe	5/64	1997
Barry Nathan	5/66	1997	Marc Corper	5/67	1998

50th anniversary quiz

by Michael Blasebalk

The following Quiz is a bit of fun and it is unlikely anyone will know all the answers. So if you have no idea, have a guess.

1. Which was the first season as Belmont & Edgware Cricket Club?

- a) 2002
 - b) 2004
 - c) 2006
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2. When we were at Whitchurch playing fields, who did we collect the teas from?

- a) Mrs Schryer
 - b) Mrs Bloom
 - c) Mrs Kamen
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3. Who made it into the Jewish Chronicle under the name McLevy?

- a) Nick
 - b) Pavan
 - c) Akshay
-

4. Which previous Club Captain now plays for Dubai Wanderers Cricket Club?

- a) David Ritterband
 - b) Richie Weinberg
 - c) Ashley Connick
-

5. Which bowler took the wicket of South African International player, Roger Telemachus when he played against our 3rd team?

- a) Keith Aizen
- b) Elliot Mayer
- c) Cliff Horowitz

6. Who of the following three has the highest top score?

- a) Adam Jacobs
 - b) Elliot Mayer
 - c) Shaun Hart
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7. Since 1995 how many female players have played for the Club?

- a) 1
 - b) 2
 - c) 4
-

8. Which member of the Club chased after and yelled at a youngster riding across the pitch on a moped?

- a) Ellis Tuhrim
 - b) Phil Peters
 - c) Eli Perl
-

9. Where was the Club's annual tour to?

- a) Brighton
 - b) Canterbury
 - c) Bournemouth
-

10. Which Captain was the last to win silverware for the Club by winning the League?

- a) Michael Blasebalk
- b) Jonathan Feigenbaum
- c) Adam Jacobs

11. Which Club Chairman hit two sixes in a row to impress two ladies walking past the game?

- a) Neil Myeroff
 - b) Mark Ableson
 - c) Graham Shaw
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12. What happened on Sunday 11th July 2010?

- a) Two BECC teams played in the Maccabi T20 tournament
 - b) BECC fielded a 4th team
 - c) BECC won in Manchester
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13. Who debuted for the Club on 13th May 2007?

- a) Jack Mendel
 - b) Joel Sager
 - c) Ryan Monk
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14. Which of the following three has the best bowling figures?

- a) Daniel Humphrey
 - b) Adam Morris
 - c) David Kaplan
-

15. Which player was given the nickname "Whippet"?

- a) Richard Ableson
 - b) Jeremy Freeman
 - c) Colin Enlander
-

16. Which player achieved an impressive batting strike rate of 600 in a league game?

- a) Daniel Humphrey
 - b) Zack Gothelf
 - c) Scott Gerrard
-

17. Which of the following three players has the most catches?

- a) Josh Reynolds
- b) Ben Tilley
- c) Mark Spanjar

18. Elliott Mayer has a batting average of 24.68 but which of his family has the next highest?

- a) Phil
 - b) Mitchell
 - c) Greg
-

19. 2019 was a difficult season with only 16 Sunday matches completed. How many games were won?

- a) 0
 - b) 1
 - c) 3
-

20. Which of the following of our home grounds is located in Watford?

- a) Parmiter's
 - b) Old Lyonians
 - c) Whitchurch
-

21. Which of the following is not a twin?

- a) Stuart Davis
- b) Jonny Evans
- c) Warren Averbuch

Answers:	
1. b) 2004	in the Maccabi T20 tournament
2. c) Mrs Kamen	– included the famous Ryan Monk
3. a) Nick McLeod	caught Reid bowled
4. c) Ashley Connick	Averbuch
5. a) Keith Aizen	
6. a) Adam Jacobs	(114*)
7. b) 2 (Sarah Evans and Lucy Rees)	
8. c) Eli Perl	
9. c) Bourmemouth	
10. a) Michael Blasebalk	
11. b) Mark Ableson	
12. a) Two teams played	
13. a) Jack Mendel	
14. c) David Kaplan	(6-12)
15. c) Collin Enlander	
16. b) Zack Gothelf	
17. b) Ben Tilley (35)	
18. c) Greg (22.21)	
19. b) 1	
20. a) Parmiter's school	
21. c) Warren Averbuch	

From the archives

compiled by Zack Gotthelf

To honour the club's 50th anniversary, we have trawled the archives of the Jewish Chronicle to collate headlines and articles about the club. Whilst we have been able to find a number of articles, there did not appear to be anything from the early years of the club but the below provides just a few highlights over the years.

Belmont's all-round stars

CRICKET

Mark Shooter and Jeremy Lawrence were the heroes of Belmont's comprehensive victory over North Harrow at the weekend.

Having shared a last wicket partnership of 31 in Belmont's 109 (Shooter 15 not out, Lawrence 13), they went on to destroy the opposing batsmen. Lawrence returned 6-21 and Shooter 3-18 as North Harrow were skittled out for 45.

Belmont 2nds fared less well, going down to a comprehensive defeat at the hands of **Totteridge Casuals** — a blessed relief to the Casuals' captain, remem-

bering his pledge to make the tea for the remainder of the season for any team which defeated his.

The batting performance of the day was turned in by Paul Dove of Olympus, who scored 48 of his 52 in boundaries. However, it was not enough to prevent defeat against St Nicholas Old Boys. David Marks (FZY) also hit a half-century in the drawn fixture with Bank Leam.

Robert Tray had a good all-round game as Downside beat Hill Samuel. Paul Milner also performed well with the ball.

Casual Nomads played out a high-scoring draw against London Theatres while Vale had an off day, going down to LMS Green Arrows.

Jewish Chronicle, 17.07.1987

Belmont plan youth team

The Stanmore-based Belmont Cricket Club is expanding into youth competition this year.

Belmont plans to enter an under-13 XI in the Middlesex Colts Association League. Therefore, the club would be

Jewish Chronicle, 13.03.1987

Ellis double century accounts for record Belmont cricket tally

Belmont's Philip Ellis scored a club record 206 not out on Sunday to help his team to a 120-run victory over Highgate 2nds.

Ellis's total included 20 sixes and 11 fours. Together with Hilton Nathanson (62), he put on

sailing, with Brian Green top-scoring on 26. After collapsing to nine wickets down, they won on a leg bye with only two balls left.

MAL 2nds enjoyed a mixed Bank Holiday weekend, crashing to a 97-run defeat on Sunday but

Jewish Chronicle, 60.05.1994

Belmont's classic Colts

CRICKET

Weather permitting, cricket is back with us this month and Belmont players are already dreaming of the blissful sounds of fours struck and wickets shattered.

This is particularly true of the club's youngest members, who represent some of the country's finest Jewish cricketing potential.

For Belmont Colts, established in 1986, are this season entering two teams in the Middlesex Colts Association League — Mike Gattling's first stop on the road to the England captaincy.

Among the Belmont under-13s and under-15s are a number of players of exceptional promise. Heading the list are fast bowler, Mark Shooter and Adam and Daniel Quint. Adam is an all-rounder, Daniel a slow bowler.

All three have been participating in trials for Middlesex representative sides.

The Belmont secretary, Ronnie Palester, explained that the recruitment of such able young cricketers was the result of promotional visits to youth groups and school Jewish societies.

"Our colts set-up benefits both Belmont and the boys. We feel the youth programme is the only way to develop the club while giving the youngsters an opportunity to play in organised, competitive cricket — something which is being phased out in many schools."

Moreover, some 60 players are competing for places in Belmont's adult XIs.

Anyone seeking a trial should contact the club captain and colts manager, Philip Benjamin, on 907 8013.

Jewish Chronicle, 01.04.1988

Cricket

Bails fall to Ronnie in Wales

Belmont wicketkeeper Ronnie Palester netted up a club wicket-keeping record over the Bank Holiday, taking four stumpings and a catch in his side's trip to Cardiff.

Palester's record came in a two-run win over Masons. Jeremy Turek took five for 11 in 3.2 overs as Masons were restricted to 81.

On Monday, **Cardiff Maccabi** (157) beat Belmont by 97 runs. Paul Newman and David Keenor both hit 46. David Dennis took three for seven.

Nigel Moss (104) and Peter Lazard (82) put on the first maiden partnership

Jewish Chronicle, 30.08.1991

Belmont celebrate first Maccabi crown



By DANNY CARO

AN UNBEATEN century from Shaun Hart helped Belmont & Edgware 2nd to a nine-wicket victory over Southgate and their first Barratts Maccabi Sunday League title. With Belmont, Southgate and London Maccabi Vale 2nd all in contention going into the final weekend of the season, Belmont held their nerve to cruise to the decisive win. All rounder Richard Haring (5-49) was the star bowler as Southgate were restricted to 183. Ashley Smolker (61) and David Brummer (56) top-scoring. But a superb second wicket partnership

between Hart (106) and Haring (55) saw Belmont home, sparking great celebrations.

Vale's hopes were crushed by a four-run deficit to Casual Nomads 2nd (200-3). Jerome Roth (67), Daniel Cofler (49) and skipper Andy Finlay (38) were the Nomads' key batsmen. Vale opened Nathan Hedgcock (69) and Jeffrey Ferraro (50) put them in the hunt for victory, but tight bowling from Norman Maritz (20) and Rafi Polinsky saw Nomads home as Vale were restricted to 190-4. Manchester Jewish Grammar School (MJGS) clinched their fourth



consecutive Grafiat Manchester Jewish Cricket title with victory over Sedgley Park. Deconstructing bowling from Avrom Topperman (3-12) and Akiva Lieberman (4-17) saw Sedgley skittled out for 67. But Sedgley's bowlers hit back, Lee Ohsberg taking 4-16 and David

Marks 3-16 before Matt Jacobs struck the winning runs with the last pair at the crease. Jubilant skipper Jonny Lieberman said: "This has been a brilliant season, not just for us as champions, but due to the excellent standard of umpiring which has made a huge differ-

ence to the league as a whole." MJGS hope to complete a league and cup double with another win against Sedgley on September 3. In friendly competition, Downsiders (231-6) drew with Richmond Nomads (142-7). Mikley Tiles (58) top-scored for Downsiders.

Jewish Chronicle, 04.08.2006

Belmont triumph in Stuart Neils final

BELMONT & EDGWARE 1ST claimed their fifth Stuart Neils Cup with a nine-wicket win over Newlands & Northwood at South Hampstead Cricket Club on Sunday.

Having won the toss and electing to bat, Newlands skipper Simon Durban, recently returned from a back injury, saw his team dismissed for a paltry 127 off 88 overs.

Newlands, missing key players in the shape of batsman Erol Rudnick, all-rounder Darren Colten and fast bowler Ryan Kenyon, were unable to impose themselves.

Richie Regard (8-22) and Eddie Davis (2-1) were the pick of the Belmont bowlers, the latter taking the vital wicket of Paul Durban. Alex Haffner (35) and Henry Wolpe (27) performed well with the bat. But more good bowling from Richie Weinberg (2-1) and Neil Myeroff kept runs to a premium.

Belmont & Edgware reached their target in just 15 overs with the aid of match and Junior Maccabi's star Ashley Connick smashing a quickfire 74. He received solid support from Maccabi GB vice president Clive Geller presented the trophy and medals. Victorious captain Richie Weinberg told JC Sport: "This has been a very successful season with our 2nd team winning the Maccabi League title and our

first team the prestigious Stuart Neils Cup. I'm very proud of all the hard work we have put in, not only from those who played in the final, but everyone who helped get us there. We played each match with absolute professionalism and in Ashley Connick have a genuine star for the future of Jewish cricket."

Newlands skipper Paul Durban reflected: "As a team we're extremely disappointed, not just with the result, but with our overall performance. We just didn't turn up today and it's such a pity after a fantastic run to the final. We congratulate Belmont & Edgware, but wish we could have given them more of a game." Meanwhile, Belmont and Casual Nomads 1st have been relegated from Middlesex Sunday League Division 1 after London Maccabi Vale (260) and Belmont & Edgware 2nd (260) St. Mary's (134), Jonathan Feigenbaum (74) top-scored for an under-strength Vale.

Feigenbaum was well supported by Howard Gold (47) and Jacob Fildes (36). Andrew Daniels (4-48) and Gold (3-26) impressed with the ball. In friendly action, Gordon Restar amassed figures of 5-23 as Belmont & Edgware 2nd (124-9) beat Young Lions (110) by 14 runs.



Belmont & Edgware 1st celebrate their fifth Stuart Neils Cup win

Jewish Chronicle, 15.09.2006



Belmont's Ashley Connick poses with the Stuart Neils man-of-the-match trophy

The best of Belmont

THE JEWISH CRICKET season has been dominated by Belmont & Edgware and their overseas recruit Herschel Gutman. South African born Gutman, 30, who plays international cricket for Israel, notched up three centuries in his debut campaign and several half-centuries. But the first team's Stuart Neils Cup triumph was dampened by relegation from the Middlesex Sunday League.

Other impressive performers included batsman Eddie Davis, all-rounder and skipper Richie Weinberg and seam bowler Richie Regard. Batsman Ashley Connick displayed great potential in his match-winning performance in the cup final. There was more joy for the club when the second team lifted the Barratts Maccabi Sunday League title for the first time. Fallen giants London Maccabi

Northwood also faltered due to problems of availability. They at least enjoyed some early season success, triumphing in the Maccabi Twenty20 tournament and finishing runners-up in the cup. Much of the same can be said of Mals, but in Steve Brande they have a batsman capable of winning games on his own.

In Manchester, Sedgley Park edged out league champions and cup holder Manchester Jewish Grammar School (MJGS) in the Harry Cowan Memorial Cup showpiece. MJGS were again on the receiving end, losing to Bury & Whitefield in the inaugural Maccabi Twenty20 final.

Manchester League chairman Jonny Weinberg told JC Sport: "Our next goal is to be more professional and get coaches to develop players aged 16 and under."

Jewish Chronicle, 29.09.2006

Belmont's six appeal

CRICKET

BELMONT & EDGWARE 1st XI claimed the first cricket silverware of the season, winning the annual six-a-side tournament at JFS in Kenton.

Victory was assured after the Garston club won all six matches, including a series of group games. Having beaten MAL, they followed this up with a double success over London Maccabi Vale 2nd before overcoming Southgate in the semi-finals and beating LMY 1st in the final.

Captain Richard Wienburg said: "The victory was a testament to the hard work of our players. Our next goal for 2007 is the Maccabi Twenty20 tournament in June.

Jewish Chronicle, 06.04.2007

Elliott Mayer has been planning ahead meticulously since succeeding Adam Jacobs as captain of BECC

INTERVIEW
ELLIOTT MAYER
BY DANNY CARO



HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BECOMING CAPTAIN OF BECC?

It is an absolute honour. I've been involved with Belmont & Edgware CC since I was a child and have met some fantastic people, had some great experiences and have improved as a player and a person. The club had four XIs when I joined so it seemed like a huge club to a little boy and I never would have thought that I would be club captain one day but here we are. I would also like to say a massive thank you to our previous club captain Adam Jacobs. He gave so much to this club while he was at the helm and really helped to drive it forward again, ultimately leading us back in to league cricket for the first time in many years. It was a pleasure to work with him as his vice-captain and we have been promised (by his wife) that he will continue to be available to play many games for the club going forward which we are thrilled about!

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE GENERAL HEALTH OF

Jewish Chronicle, 27.03.2020

Monk to captain Belmont & Edgware

Jewish Chronicle, 24.01.2013



Frumar fires another 50 in Belmont & Edgware triumph

Jewish Chronicle, 22.08.2017



Eintracht steals the show at Belmont & Edgware CC awards

Jewish Chronicle, 17.10.2019



Happy hookers are back at the crease

BY SIMON ROCKER

THE 1st XI had the good grace to make appearance on Jewish Chronicle around 10 years ago. Belmont and Edgware, one of the few Jewish cricket clubs in the country, struggled on their patch for much of the 1990s and 2000s.

The government had finally responded to the demand for the return of cricket – for me England captain Michael Vaughan had, mouth braced it to say at "non-stent". Belmont and Edgware chairman Mats Ahlsson said the players had remained "hopeful" during the months of lockdown that they would be able to take the field this season.

"We had Zoom quizzes every two weeks, so the guys kept together and it was a bit of a morale booster. What our group was doing was playing the game on Zoom."

When news of the resumption broke, the team rushed back to the field. "We had three two-hour sessions with 18 people attending every time," he reported.

With their Ches Valley League divisions from matches cancelled this year, all games will be friendly, but they had to ring around for another team to play, at all levels, for the "puny" 1st XI.

At the club's annual meeting, Mats Ahlsson said: "I've had to make a decision about my needs for health and safety. Everyone has to bring their own kit so we can't use changing rooms. The ball is sanitised after every use. The algorithm theoretically suggests a social distance quartet, but I'm thinking the field with safety in mind is being a little more strictly enforced. Mr Ahlsson had the satisfaction of watching his team chase down a target of 100 in the victory over London CC with new skipper Elliott Mayer and Adam Jacobs leading half-centuries."

"I was delighted to see the lads up for it," he said. "It was a lovely day."

Alan Haffner, chairman of Vale, who is due to enjoy their first outing this weekend, said the club had been "very grateful the show back on the track. We



Adam Jacobs and Frumar from the field victorious.

have been really pleased with the huge enthusiasm shown by our members, so much so that we have committed to playing two Sunday events every week for the rest of the season.

"While the uncertainty around the return date has meant the cancellation of the Ches Valley Cup tournament, we have both events in, we have a range of friendly matches to get us back into start-

ing this coming weekend, including a prestigious fixture at our historic two home ground, Southgate CC."

In addition, each of Vale's three clubs teams – under 11, under 14 and under 18 – now have the games to look forward to.

"We had a fantastic turnout at our first outdoor training session last weekend and the clubs are now ready to play matches, which start next week for all three of the teams," said Anthony Whit, who runs the club.

Mr Haffner believes "the Covid pandemic will act as a spur for the club to continue and strengthen the steps we had already put in place to create a pathway between youth and adult cricket and ensure that we can offer a thriving environment for the children of all standards."

Jewish Chronicle, 17.07.2020

Players are bowled over by the return of cricket

BY RACHEL STEINBERG

JEWISH CRICKET is back following the resumption of grassroots sport and Belmont and Edgware club captain Elliott Mayer says his team cannot wait to get started.

First team players have been in training for the new season with their first fixture an intra-club game with the second XI this Sunday.

It's a match that would not have been possible until last summer, the first time in a decade the club had sufficient numbers to field two squads. And Mr Mayer cit-



Elliott Mayer raises a bat to the resumption of games

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