

AP TOURIST

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A church without a steeple? Wrong. Just the annual pilgrimage to the hallowed turf of the Bowaters ground. The wicket, sanctified and full of runs as it once was, is not now, alas, the batsmen's paradise of old. These days it is the bowlers who lick their lips in the likelihood of a low scoring game.

This Belnor match is no exception to the current pattern. Inserted by the opposition, the tourists stick to recent tradition and make heavy weather of batting against a fairly lightweight attack. The notable exception being Jimbo, who accumulates a slow, steady, but necessary 63 in anchoring an innings in constant danger of being blown off course. Upon his dismissal a stretcher party appear to carry him off, to much

ribaldry as well as well-deserved applause. No other batsman manages even 20, but we go to tea confident of ultimate victory.

Skipper Eyetiss dreams of an 'all ten' job as he catches the first three behind the timbers. Nevertheless, the spoils are shared and fine bowling from Big Al (3 for 15 in 6), The Hoerr (3 for 20 in 7), Toine on his favourite pitch (2 for 9 in 6) and Joker (2 for 7 in 4.1) seals victory by 112 runs.

Eyetiss is heard to utter "Are there eleven men....?"

A convivial evening is spent on the pavilion veranda, and the choir belch out another fine performance before the long return trip from Sittingbourne is begun.

In this issue you will find an unexpurgated version of the momentous events of the 1998 AP Kent Tour

DON'T FORGET THAT *The Tour of the Eclipse!*

DEPARTS IN LESS THAN A WEEK - MORE DETAILS INSIDE!

Early crises fail to stop opening victory

At the meet, panic strikes the management team when, for the first time in living memory, Blind Pugh is absent. Fortunately, the message gets through that he is driving straight to Minster. The next shock is that Uncle Bill is one of the first arrivals. He contemplates going away and coming back later, but TM quickly ties him to a lamp post. Then, the Yorkshire contingent is late – where could they be? Panic over as they are seen walking slowly up the alleyway, which leads from Flynn's castle.

As the party settles for the annual two and a half hour wait for the Cosh, he arrives only a half-hour late. TM and ATMs wonder if these omens are good or bad.

Then, more delay as Flintstone Snr, has to be escorted to Flynn's to carry out a bowel vacation. Eventually, nerves frayed, the management team relaxes in the executive section of the luxury tour coach, ably driven by Bob (known on tour as Four Wood).

The next and potentially more serious crisis occurs when the luxury coach fails to start after lunch at Cliftonville for the Minster trip.

HEARD AT POST-MATCH PRESS CONFERENCE:-
"We did not sabotage the coach to upset the mighty AP match preparations."
- spokesman for Minster CC

TM annexes Scorebox to act as driver's

mechanical advisor ('well it was there to be mended'). He diagnoses starter motor trouble...but where was the starter motor? – Bob didn't know – he only drives the damn thing.

1998 TOURISTS, OFFICIALS AND THEIR NICKNAMES

(Continued on P2)

Jim Brimble: MENTALFLOSS
Amit Bose: GOOGERS
Bill Bryce: UNCLE BILL
Alan Chamberlain: BIG AL
Alan Chamberlain, Senior: BIG AL, SNR
John Chamberlain: JOKER
Kevin Chamberlain, KEGSY
Tony Cohen: TONE
Dave Crank: THE COSH
Rohan De Silva: PRECIOUS
John Freestone: FLINTSTONE

Phil Freestone: FLINTSTONE, SNR.
Erol Hasan: FLYNN
Tom Kenyon: ALBERT
Bryan King: EYETISS (TM)
Andy Langston: THE HOERR
Richard Lewandowski: LEGSY
Rob McKeown: EXPORT
Terry Martin: SCOREBOX
Michael Miller: DUSTY
Randolph Reid: REVEREND
Anthony Shaw: TOINE

Charles Tallamy: BLIND PUGH
Alistair Wilson: LUMMOX
Chris Wilson: GRADDERS

Tour Manager: Bryan King
Joint Asst. Tour Managers:
John Freestone, Erol Hasan.
Tour Accountant: John Freestone
Hon. Umpires: Charles Tallamy and Chris Wilson
Hon. Scorer: Phil Freestone

READ ALL ABOUT THE LAST KENT TOUR IN THIS EDITION OF 'AP TOURIST', CONTAINING NEWS, VIEWS AND TOUR STATISTICS BY 'STATISTO'

P2 What went on in the Minster bar? The steamy details are all here. **PLUS...** Who are the 11 men found at last?

P3 Which double act had Gore 'caught' out? **AND...** Who had the best toss of the week? **IN ADDITION...** 'Tizz of the Day!'

P4 Legsy at it again, but did it work? **ALSO...** Immerse yourself in the tour statistics, impeccably compiled by 'STATISTO'

Minster revels (continued from P.1)

with transport. Dusty drives it and ferries some players, then returns for Eyetiss (TM) and Mentalfloss who are not in the team. A diversion via 'The Old Charles' is agreed since it was felt that The Bell at Minster might not be reached in time and copious pints are quaffed before they return to the hotel to find the coach mended – 'just a bit of wire needed' – says Four Wood. TM, Mentalfloss and Dusty are chauffeured to Minster in the coach.

Meanwhile Toine, on his maiden tour skipperish loses his first toss and leads the side out to field. The toss was his only blemish, however, as he opens the bowling himself, aided by Googers at the other end. Success is not long coming, thanks to Googers striking in his first over to dismiss Minster's star opener before he could trouble the scorer. Wickets fall at regular intervals until at 67-7, our hosts rally and take the score to 126-7, before Precious despatches both members of a partnership which had almost doubled Minster's total. The last wicket is polished off quickly and the tourists find themselves with a total of 132 to try to exceed. This figure is surpassed surprisingly comfortably on a wicket which, historically, has yielded few runs in this fixture. Flynn takes the batting honours with a belligerent 64 not out.

OFSTED inspectors are present to assess the progress of the Gin

School for the Sons and Daughters of P'artists. After watching countless jugs of bitter and lager being sunk the inspectors look distinctly unhappy. They had come to inspect a gin school after all! When the choir launches into the usual repertoire things look brighter altogether. Top marks are awarded for enthusiasm – somewhat less for musicality. Then come the gin jugs – one after the other (sometimes two together) Inspectors start scribbling furiously on their notepads The father and son drinking competition earns full marks too for fostering good home/school relations and the Gin School comes away with top marks for curriculum and achievement. The only 'special measures' required are the extremely large amounts of gin per glass.

DOVER - SOLE BENEFICIARIES OF TOURISTS' GENEROSITY

Bookies clean up on Coronary Circle

For the second time in the week a new tour captain takes a bow.

Like Toine on Monday, Export begins by nominating the wrong side of the coin and thus AP bat against a Dover side, packed with first-teamers. After watching the skipper and Kegsy grind out a solid if unspectacular opening over or two, a large group of tourists simultaneously feel sick or are troubled by old wounds.

The only solution is a trip to 'The Chemist' in search of that amber medicine which seems to cure everything. Meanwhile, the scoreboard is not straining through constant changing of numbers and the patients return to find Flynn at the crease attempting to increase the run rate. At this he succeeds, but having reached 50 he needed to

remain in the middle if AP were to post a challenging target. Alas Flynn departs, leaving a late flurry led by Precious (23) to lift us to 173-7, before Export calls a halt to the proceedings.

After tea, Eyetiss is forced to concede that 11 men have been found.....

Despite the efforts of our bowlers, who only manage one wicket between them, Dover race to victory in less than two hours.

Googers, Precious, Export and Big Al are compulsive viewing during the evening for their superb Coronary Circle of the Dover track. Huge sums of money are wagered on the outcome and the bookies chalk up huge gains as Export confounds his critics and romps home. Big Al, Snr wins walking race which

THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET ON BOARD FOR
The Tour of the Eclipse!

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**Be there or be a right-angled
quadrilateral with equal sides!**

Gore Court on long hop by Legsy magic

KEGSY EASES PARK TO VICTORY

For the fourth time on tour TM fails to nominate a skipper (Flintstone, in this case) who is capable of winning a toss. But could he give one?

Our hosts elect to bat on a hot sunny, but breezy day. The pitch looks a belter, but we have the pleasure, again, of watching Big Al and The Hoerr opening the bowling. These two make run scoring a tough prospect for Gore Court and it is The Hoerr who inflicts the first damage of the day, with Joker snaffling two catches off the Hoerr's probing inswingers. Joker himself replaces cousin Big Al and strikes the timbers once during a miserly spell of 6 overs, 3 maidens, and 1 wicket for just 5 runs. A run out contributes to the home team's slow and shaky start (74-4 in 29 overs). However, the late middle order wags a bit and Gore Court's skipper and guest Winter Tourist, Andrew Nutting, despite retiring hurt, manages to assess the situation from the pavilion and declares after 60 overs on 208-9.

Our reply is a joy to behold. Skipper, Flintstone opens with Legsy and they put on 68 before Skips has his bails removed. Kegsy comes to join Legsy and, as well sounding an ideal match for a potential American cop TV series, they prove to be sublime as a batting partnership. Oh what joy on a superb August evening to see these two at work. Legsy all angular grace, caressing the ball across the

greensward to all parts; Kegsy, with timing like a Swiss clock, judging his strokes like a master. These two put on 127 in one of the finest partnerships seen on tour in recent years. When Legsy is dismissed for a magnificent 118, the match is all but won with the score on 195. The Cosh walks out, bludgeon in hand, ready to administer the coup de gras. He returns to the pavilion following a speedy dismissal, complaining that at Gore Court on a Wednesday in August he always prefers to have a rather more difficult task than chasing a mere 15 runs. It is left to Uncle Bill to join Kegsy and finish the business. A fine victory by 7 wickets.

In the bar a roistering evening is enjoyed - songs sung, tales told and larynxes lubricated. A late return to base, but not too late for tourists to be participants in a variety

KENT TABLOIDS PUT TO SHAME

AP skippers not such 'tossers' after all

At last a winning tosser!

Flynn guesses correctly to confound the Kent gutter press, who have been running a series of scurrilous articles about AP captains' toss judgements. He elects to bat first to the joy of the players, many of whom are able to sneak to the Brown Jug with the non-playing reprobates. They miss a fine opening partnership between the venerable pair of Eyetiss and Uncle Bill, who chalk up 120 years between them. At the wicket they compile 64 runs before Eyetiss, who has been liberally peppering the boundary, eventually picks the wrong ball to pepper and departs for the pavilion. Following this a series of productive partnerships enables Flynn to make a challenging declaration with the score at 243-6. Uncle Bill scores a fine 50, Big Al a clubbing 49, including 5 sixes and Precious ends up unbeaten for a delightful 57.

In reply, Broadstairs make steady progress but are all ways behind the clock. It is not until five wickets have fallen that they compile any meaningful partnership, 59 being added for the 6th wicket. At this point The Cosh and Eyetiss, both better known for cricketing attributes other than bowling, take the ball. Bowling in tandem at a time when the home batsmen are 'going for it', they conjure up a variety of flight and guile which bamboozles middle order and tail. The Cosh is the rapier who knocks over four of the last five batsmen to give AP a convincing 53 run victory.

The gin takes a bashing during the evening and by the time TM calls 'to the coach', a gin and lager-sodden party stagger across the Dumpton Oval to be ferried back to base. LummoX holds up proceedings for some time, as he wants to test someone's front garden as a potential bed for the night, or toilet. He opts to continue this trial period for

— (some time before returning

Tizz of the Day!

Sunday:-

JOKER: "Trying to swim the Channel."

Monday:-

FLYNN: Participating in elite management breakfast table, thereby jeopardising 'peoples' tour."

Tuesday:-

GOOGERS: "Fashion crimes."

Wednesday:-

LUMMOX: "Dancing like a demented shire horse."

Thursday:-

LUMMOX: "Sleeping in temporary open air accommodation, without paying."

THEY THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER

'It is now!' - say the Old Rs

Legsy continues the successful toss judgement trend begun by Flynn the day before. He surveys the dry, hard pitch, looks at the blue sky and feels the heat, before making the decision everyone wants to hear - 'We're batting'.

The batsmen perform according to the script, accumulating runs steadily until the 55th over when the last man is dismissed. The total is 249 which looks like being enough. Kegsy scores 34, Legsy continues his rich vein of form with the bat with a fine knock of 84, including 16 boundaries and Big Al with 30 features in a solid contribution from the tail.

If the tourists thought it was as good as all over, it did not take long for them to be disavowed of that notion. Despite snatching an early wicket with the ORs total at 10, the pitch seems to be

playing better and better all the time. The 2nd wicket partnership put on 155 in 35 overs leaving our hosts well and truly in the driving seat, the passenger seats and the child's seat, complete with straps. It appears that all we have left is the boot! Another partnership of over 50 and Old Ruymians reach their destination with 3 overs to spare and 7 wickets in hand. *Another 11 men have been found!*

A convivial evening is spent in the 'Rose of England' while tourists contemplate what has been a very successful foray into Kentish fields. Four wins and two defeats bear testimony to the positive and attractive cricket we have played throughout.

Thoughts already are being lured towards the following year's campaign, which will become known as 'The

WALLY EASTGATE

Tourists, past and present, were saddened to learn of the recent death of Wally, AP's oldest member.

Wally had supported the Kent Tour for so many years, regularly appearing at places like Gore Court and Broadstairs and it was always a pleasure to see him.

Due to declining mobility, Wally's recent appearances had been far fewer and, consequently, tourists were so grateful that a friend had driven him to Gore Court last season - a journey he had so often made in the past using public transport.

The tour and AP will not seem quite the same without Wally, but we retain wonderful memories of a kind, humorous, generous and gentle man who was a friend to us all.

1998 TOUR ANALYSIS

.....BY Statisto

RESULTS:-

Sunday, August 9th

Minster 132 (Toine 4-31, Joker 2-18, Precious 2-21)
AP 133-4 (Flynn 64no) - **WON**

Monday, August 10th

AP 164-9 (Mentalfloss 63)
Belnor 52 (Big Al 3-15, The Hoerr 3-20, Toine 2-9, Joker 2-7) - **WON**

Tuesday, August 11th

AP 173-7 (Flynn 52, Precious 23)
Dover 174-1 - **LOST**

Wednesday, August 12th

Gore Court 208-9 (The Hoerr 2-30, Export 4-39)
AP 209-3 (Legsy 118, Flintstone 22, Kegsy 52no) - **WON**

Thursday, August 13th

AP 243-6 (Eyetiss 26, Uncle Bill 50, Big Al 49, Precious 57)
Broadstairs 190 (Big Al 3-41, Precious 2-42, The Cosh 4-17) - **WON**

Friday, August 14th

AP 249 (Kegsy 34, Legsy 84, Big Al 30)
Old Ruymians 251-3 - **LOST**

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:-

Batting (averages over 20)

	Ins	NO*	HS	Runs	Ave
Flynn	3	2	64	119	119
Legsy	2	0	118	202	101
Precious	3	1	57*	89	44.5
Kegsy	4	1	52	112	37.3
Big Al	3	0	49	86	28.6
Eyetiss	2	1	26	28	28
Uncle Bill	5	1	50	85	21.25

Bowling (averages below 40)

	Ovs	Mdns	Runs	Wks	Ave
Joker	19.1	7	30	5	6
The Cosh	9.1	0	17	4	12.25
Toine	29.1	8	93	6	15.5
The Hoerr	32	5	119	5	23.8
Big Al	44	6	164	7	23.43
Legsy	8	0	55	2	27.5
Precious	31	6	138	4	34.5

Catching (2 or more): Eyetiss 4, Joker 3, Big Al 3, Flynn 2, Precious 2, Flintstone 2

Stumping (all): Albert 2

f activities on the vibrant Cliftonville/ Margate nightlife circuit.