



**THE**

# BELVEDERE BULLETIN

## FREAK FIELDING ACCIDENT TURNS AUSSIE INTO FREAK



A routine misfield by Belvedere's excessively expensive Tasmanian import led to freak and potentially life threatening injuries two weeks ago.

Aaron Mott was fielding in the deep, when a mishit shot mundanely past him through the square leg area, reluctantly giving chase Motty managed to not only misfield the slowly travelling ball, but throw himself head first into a ditch full of brambles and trees, amongst the cheers and giggles from fellow players and opposition alike, Motty lay motionless for about 10 seconds, only to appear from the deep rivene with serious lacerations and bruises to his head and face. Once composure had been restored, it was apparent

to his fellow players to cart him off to hospital and let them deal with his injuries.

A hospital spokesman commented "we worked very hard on Mr Motts injuries, thankfully due to the skills of our veterinary surgeon, Mr Mott has now got about the same amount of hair as he did in his teens and we think looks more handsome than before he came through our doors."

Still concussed and recovering from a swollen head, Motty played a token roll in the 1st XI's away win at Watchet a week later, and is said to be pleased with his new look...Some might say "spot the difference."



Motty after the surgery at Watchet

## THE SHIP'S CAT CAUGHT MOONLIGHTING

some folk are predicting. Somerset are looking upon this game in a very positive manner.

"We are trying to reinvent Bath and make it into a financially-sustainable project. By having a one-day game we have reduced our costs to a more manageable level and the one-day game

demerselves £3 per ticket by calling 0845 533333 or by logging onto [www.somersetcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.somersetcricketclub.co.uk).

● THERE will be a real family fun day at Somerset Cricket Club on Sunday June 24, with something for everyone of all ages. Starting at 12 noon, the children

As a very special treat to everyone 'Stumpy', the official mascot for Somerset CCC, will be making his first appearance at the County Ground for a long time.

Over the last few months Stumpy has been in a deep hibernation from which he awoke specially to appear in public on Sky TV's Cricket AM yesterday morning.

He will have a few days' rest and next appear at the County Ground on Sunday June 24.

The fun day entertainment off the field will continue until 2.00 pm shortly after which Somerset will face Northamptonshire in their first home Twenty20 match of the 2007 campaign.

The action doesn't stop there because the Somerset match will be followed at 6.00 pm by the England women's Twenty20 match.

The whole afternoon promises to be great fun and costs just £5.00 for children! Further details can be found by logging onto [www.somersetcc.com](http://www.somersetcc.com)

**SPECIAL TREAT: Stumpy is set to appear**

Claims by Gary Rogerson of unavailability for Belvedere have backfired on him.

Photographed by The Sunday Independent last weekend, we confronted Rogerson about his 'moonlighting' on match days, initially 'Ships Cat' denied he'd ever moonlighted until shown the photo, when he quickly changed his tune, "look buddy I'm really sorry, I didn't think I'd get the job anyway, I thought I was too short, but when they offered me the job, Somerset also wanted me to come up with a catchy name for the character, I really thought long and hard about it, and came up with Stumpy."

Well all we can say to that Gary is Doh!!!



6 for 11 off 12 overs, so I didn't need Glenn to bowl again anyway."

The powers that be are surely going to be summoning Mr Taylor to HQ and ask him for his comments and reasons for allegedly selecting so many senior players.

## 1st TEAM BOWLER CAUGHT SMOKING SPLIFF DURING MATCH



Robert Statham, we can reveal, will be charged by Belvedere C.C. for bringing the game into disrepute for openly smoking a spliff whilst playing for the 1st team against Watchet.

Statham for his part is apparently un-repentant for his actions, claiming he was driven to it because of lack of luck on the field, "I've bowled countless long-hops, wide leg side deliveries and full bangers, and still I don't get no luck. Other players in this side bowl them all day long and bag shit loads of wickets."

Despite his fiesty reposte, Statham will still be charged with the offence, with the likely outcome that he will be made to reveal his supplier, which we can exclusively reveal is Steve Buckley, and be fined heavily by the club, or even forced to stop telling his fucking stupid jokes.

## MORE ALLEGATIONS OF SENIOR PLAYERS STARRING FOR BELVEDERE 2nds

Second team skipper Martin Taylor has again been dogged by allegations of loading Belvedere 2nds with senior players.

In a public denial via the Belvedere Bulletin, Mr Taylor said he was fed up with these wholly untrue allegations. "Glenn McGrath did play, the camera obviously never lies, but Shane Warne, Brett Lee, Adam Gilchrist and Aaron Mott categorically DID NOT play for me on the day in question", he went on "Glenn batted at 11 and only bowled 3 overs because he twisted his ankle again, and I replaced him with Steve Buckley, which as it turned out was a great decision by me, as Buckers ended with figures of

# WICKET KEEPER FIT FOR SELECTION THIS WEEK



**1**st Team keeper Ray Dibben has now almost fully recovered from “a slight thumb injury”.

After intensive hospital treatment “Dibbsy’s” thumb - or rather a lack of one, is healing up nicely according to the jovial 49 year old keeper! After several

aborted ‘Heath Robinson’ attempts to modify his left keepers glove to alleviate the pain from incoming cricket balls, Dibbsy went the whole hog last week, and had the offending digit amputated. “It was bloody painful before the snip, but now I don’t feel a thing, and as for my thumb - well that feels pretty good now as well.”

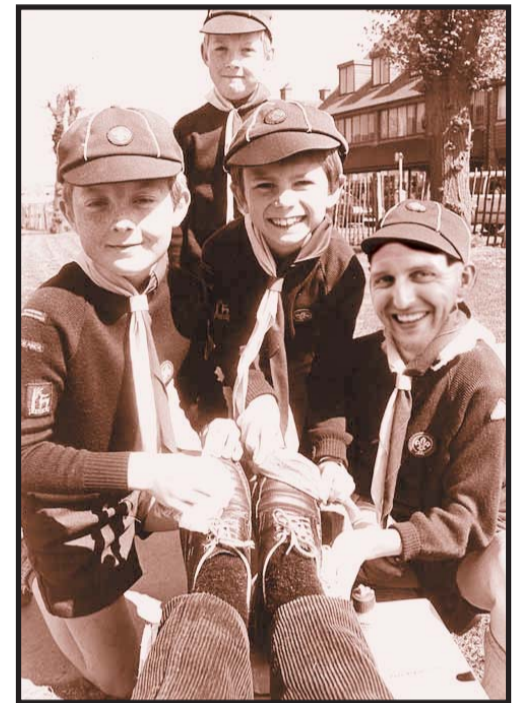
As for the new glove, ‘The Gnomes Hat’ has been working closely with kit manufacturer Duncan Fearlessly to produce the worlds first 4 fingered glove, where intriguingly the webbing has been placed between the little finger and 3rd digit, meaning ‘Dibbsy’ has his right hand conventionally forward, but has the left hand palm facing him to make the all important cup for catching the ball in.

The new gloves have apparently been working well, but some players are unsure thinking it’s some kind of new secret handshake.



# 3rd TEAM SKIPPERS NEW JOB

**I**n a new career move Anthony “Turkish” Moore has gone back to his roots, starting his own shoe shine company.



‘Morro’ and chums in Marmaris, 1967.

Other members of the A XI were delighted for their skipper, warmly congratulating “Turkish” on going it alone at long last.

‘Morro’ got the shoe shining bug in 1967 aged 13 whilst doing a sponsored shoe shine with his local ex-pat Scout group in Marmaris, Turkey. After his parents filed for asylum in the UK in the early 70’s, Tone got a job in the Insurance business, but always hankered after his first love.

Fellow cricketing colleagues had continually noticed how professionally he shined the ball for them, they finally made him realise that the career move was the right thing to do.

Mike Broadhead said “I chucked him the ball after only bowling 2 balls and said “shine this up mate”, when I got the ball back, I couldn’t believe my eyes, it looked brand spanking new.”

Tony has specially adapted one of his shoe shine kits just for cricket, the kit originally belonged to his grandfather and holds a special place in his heart.



The whole club wish ‘Morro’ all the best for the future.

# FIRST TEAM TO GO ON CRASH DIET

**D**espite Belvedere’s 1st team being top of the league going into June, doctors have ordered half the first team to go on crash diets.

Doctor Soapy at the BUPA hospital in Bristol (and now starring in his own TV ads) has gone through each players dossier and condemned the first team as full of fat bastards who desperately need to lose weight and bloody fast!

one of Dr Soapy’s recommendations was humiliation, the reasons behind it was explained by the doctor himself “Er humiliation is a great way to encourage weight loss, this was why I made them walk down Weston High Street, so the fair people of Weston could piss themselves

laughing, unfortunately because of their size it backfired somewhat, with many onlookers vomiting everywhere.”

The 5 ordered onto the diet have been banned from eating Lesley Hosey’s teas. Regular check-ups will now take place to ensure no cheating is going on. One of the 5, Neil Chadwick said “I’m really proud, last week I lost 8 ounces at the weigh-in and when I took my shreddies off I lost a further 3 pounds, so yeah I’m chuffed at mine and the other fellas

progress.”

Due to lack of space in this issue, we couldn’t fit Andy Loud’s interview in, due to it being so long and containing references to teas he ate in 1979 against Lansdown, and away at Tewkesbury in July, 1983.



The Fat Five pictured last Sunday in Weston High Street

# POCKET ROCKET ‘DT’ WINS NEW AWARD

**C**ongratulations to Belvedere’s midget cuddly Dudley Taylor who has been named player of the Month for May.

Loveable dwarf ‘DT’ is the first recipient of the new Player of the Month Award, for being named man (or midget) of match twice in the 1st team’s first 4 matches this term.



Club Captain Rob ‘Soapy’ Statham presented the shortest player in the league with a Spiderman suit last week.

Delighted with his award ‘DT’ has been seen wearing his new suit several times whilst honing his bowling skills.

“I’m delighted to be the first winner of this award” was all we could get out of Scamp before he ran off with his other little friends to play. The extra small child’s suit apparently seems to be a perfect fit for the peculiar pint sized pygmy.

Photographed here courtesy of Watchet C.C., Dudley the gnome can be seen scratching his weeny scrotum having just handed the jug to Motty during the drinks interval because it was too large and too heavy for him to carry.



DT in full flow - photograph © Weston Mercury