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WHAT IS CUP MATCH?

By: Diana Hunt

The only country in the world with a 2-day Public Holiday to play cricket, Cup Match stands like a shining beacon maintaining its unique culture founded by our forefathers 112 years ago. The significance cannot be equaled by any other sporting or social event in Bermuda. Cup Match is more than a game of cricket. It is truly a cornerstone of Bermuda's past. It brings the island together for an occasion of passionate commitment to the game in a festive and joyous atmosphere.

It is important to note that upon Emancipation, the former slaves of Bermuda had no homes, no schools, and no jobs; they were voteless and landless. Penny-less, the freed slaves and their indomitable spirits formed themselves into Friendly Societies and Lodges to provide for their own well-being. Those same Societies and Lodges spear-headed the annual observances of that historic August 1, 1834 date. Thereafter, our forefathers celebrated their freedom and broke their shackles of the past by having parades and divine services. Later, the emphasis shifted to the sports field with annual picnics cum-cricket matches involving the Lodges from the East and West.

Percival St. George Ratteray, a long serving member of Somerset Cricket Club and one of the most foremost authorities on Cup Match, wrote, "It was the game in 1901 between the two brother Lodges that sparked the beginning of Cup Match."

The game played on the Royal Engineers (or Garrison) Field in St. George's was exciting from beginning to end, with one side winning by one run with the last man in." Subsequently, a meeting was held between the two groups and the idea was made that a Cup be played for annually. The first game of this historic event occurred on June 12, 1902, at The Royal Naval Field in Somerset.

Steeped in tradition and history reaching back to 1902, Cup Match is held over 2 days. The first day embraces the celebration of Emancipation Day and the second day, Somers' Day, commemorates the discovery of Bermuda by British Admiral Sir George Somers in 1609.

We, the Officers and members of Somerset Cricket Club and St. George's Cricket Club, take this opportunity to pay homage to the founders of Cup Match. They were men who set a good example by playing the game and playing it well. Cup Match, our National Institution, held alternately at S.C.C., and S. G. C. C., is a monument to our forefathers' vision and achievements – brilliant cricketers, keen sportsmen., administrative geniuses, and great pioneers.





H.E. Mr. John Rankin CMG Governor and Commander-in-Chief

I look forward to joining you - players, locals and visitors - once again for one of the greatest cultural and sporting summer events in Bermuda - the Annual Cup Match Classic. I was privileged to experience my first Cup Match last year with my eldest daughter, Heather, and we both had an amazing time. The atmosphere, the people and the play were exhilarating.

I send warm greetings to this year's hosts, the Somerset Cricket Club, and to their opponents, St George's Cricket Club and anticipate another thrilling match between two worth opponents.

John Rankin

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The Hon. David Burt, JP, MP Premier and Minister of Finance

Every year I look forward to celebrating Cup Match with my family and friends. This is a holiday that is uniquely Bermudian and creates opportunities for avid cricket fans and casual observers alike to predict the outcome of the game and brag about their team.

This is by far, my favorite holiday and I can't say enough about the fact the game is being held in Somerset this year. Of course, I will arrive early and stay late to watch cricket and visit the various camps that will be set up around the field.

Cup Match is also an opportunity to pause and reflect on our history. The first day is Emancipation Day commemorating the end of slavery in Bermuda. The second day, Somers Day, is in honour of Sir George Somers who was shipwrecked in Bermuda, in 1609, en route to Jamestown, Virginia. Our history is an important part of our culture and identity and speaks to who we are as Bermudians.

If you are a Bermudian visiting for the holiday, welcome home. If you are a tourist, welcome to Bermuda. I encourage you to join us at Somerset Cricket club, where you will enjoy delicious food, Crown and Anchor and of course, an exciting cricket game.

I encourage residents and visitors to have fun, and enjoy the weekend festivities.

I wish both teams good luck.

The Hon. David Burt, JP, MP
Premier and Minister of Finance





Jeanne Atherden, JP, MP Opposition Leader

It is the time of year that everyone in Bermuda looks forward to with huge anticipation – East vs West, the renewal of old rivalries rooted in a 118-year-old tradition.

Cup Match has a unique ability – not only does it stir the emotions for weeks before it even takes place but it also unites foes and heals divisions. People from different sides of the fence forget their differences, if only for two days.

Cup match is an event which marks the day that Bermuda was discovered by Admiral Sir George Somers in 1609. It also marks Emancipation Day, one of the most significant chapters in the history of Bermuda, and one we should never, ever, forget.

The holiday provides Bermuda with the opportunity to remember the importance of both days as well as spend time with family and friends at the game itself, on the beach, camping or just relaxing at home.

We can enjoy the fact that we live in Bermuda and we have much to be thankful for.

I hope you have a wonderful – and safe – holiday and may the best team win! (Go Somerset!)





Vashun O. Blanchette
President, Somerset Cricket Club, Inc.

Greetings Bermuda,

On behalf of the Officers and Members of Somerset Cricket Club, I warmly welcome you to the 2018 edition of the annual Cup Match Classic. Recognising that Cup Match is among the most highly anticipated holidays and sporting events on the local calendar, we are honoured to be this year's host venue.

Whether you are a fan of Somerset or St. George's, I trust that you will enjoy partaking in all the fine traditions associated with this great event. Equally, it is imperative that time be taken to reflect on the historical context that gives cause to this festive occasion as we celebrate emancipation.

To the players selected, you are to be congratulated for your fine efforts. I am certain that you will provide the viewing and listening public with two days of entertaining cricket while upholding the virtues of the gentleman's game. A special congratulations is due to those selected as colts, for you have joined an illustrious group of men dating back to 1902.

A special acknowledgement is also extended to our friends at the St. George's Cricket Club. We are very appreciative of the relationship off the field of play and recognise that only in a spirit of collectiveness and collaboration do we ensure the sustainability of Cup Match.

In closing, I would like to wish fans of both teams, and our visitors from overseas, a most enjoyable and safe Cup Match holiday. It is our hope that we provide you with a first-class experience. Thank you to our sponsors, most notably HSBC for their continued support of the Cup Match Classic, the Government of Bermuda and team sponsors.





K. Neil Paynter Jr.
President, The St. George's Cricket Club

Greetings Bermuda,

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to the 2018 Cup Match Classic on behalf of the St. George's Cricket Club, management, staff, members, friends and family. Cup Match is the most anticipated holiday of the year in Bermuda. Whether you follow the sport of cricket or not this is an exciting event, and an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy a festive occasion. It is also very historically significant as we remember and celebrate the emancipation of slavery.

Congratulations to this year's selection of talented cricketers. Your hard work and dedication has paid off – you are in this year's line-up, and deservedly so. I know that both teams will put everything into this match and as fans, we appreciate that you do.

I will use this opportunity to pay tribute to our former players and administrators because their leadership, dedication and sacrifice have made Cup Match what it is today. Their legacy lives on and inspires us all to accomplish great things — on and off the field.

A special thanks to our friends, the Somerset Cricket Club, for hosting this year's event. I am keenly aware of the countless months of preparation that goes into hosting Cup Match and the Somerset Cricket Club is to be commended.

I would also like to thank our generous sponsors for their continued support which is integral in making this event possible year after year.

Finally, to all of the fans, our visitors from abroad, our vendors and everyone who is here today, thank you for joining us for these wonderful two days.

Greetings



Mark Watkinson, CEO HSBC Bank Bermuda Limited

Cup Match continues to be the most exciting and biggest sporting event in Bermuda's annual calendar.

It is a time for all of us to witness true sportsmanship on display and where we celebrate together as a community, many years of tradition and all that is great and unique about Bermuda.

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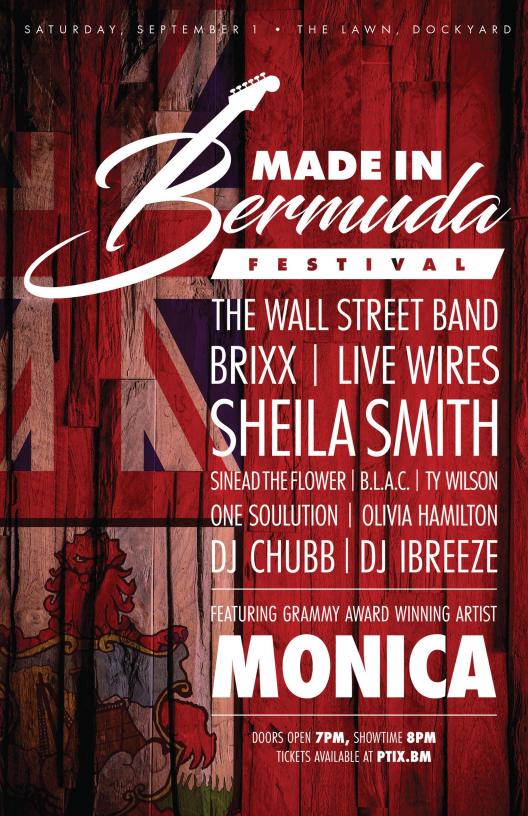
Whether you attend the game or have something else planned over the next few days, enjoy yourselves...and may the best team win!

Happy holidays,

Mark



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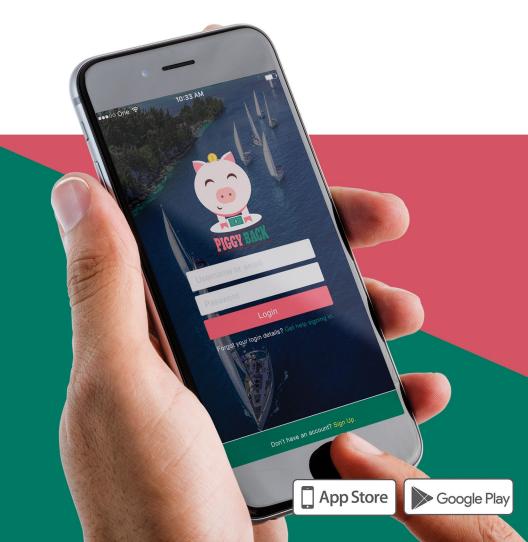


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HISTORY OF SCC

Somerset Cricket Club

By: Diana Hunt

Growing out of friendly annual matches organized by rival Lodges of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows as part of the celebrations to mark Emancipation Day, August 1, 1834, it is believed that sometime in June in the year 1902, the Somerset Cricket Club itself emerged, but the exact date is buried somewhere in the past and with it lots of other valuable information concerning its formation is probably hidden forever amidst the dust of time.

The first President of the Club was Willie Tucker, and other heads were: Thomas Durrant, T.J. Perinchief, J.W.Tucker, Warren Simmons, and Harold Talbot. The first secretary was H.T.Cann followed by William Bassett, A.S. Harford, A. Richardson, Willis Gilbert, Percival Ratteray, Vincent Harford, and Alfred Simmons.

The Club's colours, navy blue and cardinal, were chosen, according to Club legend, because "the blue comes from the darkest, which runs through the red, which goes through the Fire into the Light." The Club's chosen motto is SEMPER PARATUS (Always Prepared).

The Club was formed with 25 members who each paid 25 shillings annual dues and cricket was not the only motive. Norris Cann stated that, "They had to form a proper Club in order to sell liquor – especially on a Friday night for a social drink" In fact, when Norris Cann became a member in 1926, it was a landmark year for the Club as it took the then unusual step for a Recreation Club of incorporating. Under the Somerset Cricket Club Act 1926, the Club could now own property "Provided that the land acquired and held by the said Club shall not exceed ten acres."

It was during Warren Simmons' Presidency that the Club bought its present grounds on Cricket Lane and built the imposing pink and blue clubhouse - modeled after the MCC Club in England – SCC was officially opened by Governor Sir Ralph Leatham on January 8, 1948, on the grounds where Warren's mother Emily's house had once stood. Before then the Club's first headquarters was downstairs of the old Bermuda Water Mineral factory, on West Side Road, Somerset. It then moved to the O'Neil /Harney building bordering the main road and the Naval Field – now named the Warren Simmons Field.

The Club bought the land from the estate of Edward Crawley in 1946 and leveled the ground with the help of a bulldozer loaned by the US Naval Air Station in Southampton. Designed by Vincent Lee and built by local contractor James Horton, the Clubhouse is

now listed as a building of historical significance and described by the National trust as "an imposing building of dignity and presence" that projects an aura of warmth and bonhomie perfectly suited to such an institution."

Somerset Cricket Club has the much enviable record of three extremely wise and influential leaders in Alma "Champ" Hunt, Warren Simmons, and Reginald Pearman, who each served as President of Bermuda Cricket Board of Control and the latter two, as President of S. C. C.

Somerset Cricket Club has played host to many famous touring teams, from MCC and several West Indies teams to Allen Borders' Australians, and famous greats such as Viv Richards, Clive Lloyd, and a star-studded Sir Julien Cahn's X1.

Although cricket was the predominant sport at the Club during the first half of the 20th century, football grew steadily in significance. Today, Somerset Cricket Club is as synonymous with the Somerset Trojans football as it is with cricket. The Trojans – a nickname coined by sports commentator Joe L. Brown in the 1970's – dominated Bermuda soccer to such an extent during the 60's and 70's that Somerset was nicknamed 'Silver City' on account of the numerous trophies it won.

As with cricket, the Club has hosted many famous football teams on tour. Alex Ferguson brought his Bryan Robson – vintage Manchester United team here in 1987, featuring the likes of young Brian McClair, Olsen Jesper, Gordon Strachan, and Steve Bruce. They defeated a Bermuda Select 4 -1. They also outscored Somerset Trojans 4-1 at Somerset where 2,500 spectators attended. The clubhouse walls were hung with fading memories of other glorious and famous teams such as Celtic, Arsenal, Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest.

The Club's football connections go back to the West End Rovers, a team started by Somerset member Cyril Philpott and West End School headmaster Charles Snaith in the early 1930's. The Rovers made their home at Somerset Cricket Club in the 1950's.

Sometime later in the 1950's, Somerset Cricket Club formed its own youth team, the Somerset Colts. Coached by the brilliant Conrad Simons, they played in the second division of the all black Bermuda Football League which launched the careers of Bermuda's most celebrated star — Clyde Best - who went on to play professional football in England for West Ham United. It was Clyde who was a trailblazer on the world stage, who in 1968 was one of a handful of black players playing in England, who paved the way for black footballers currently active in the English Premier League today.

When the black and white Leagues were integrated as the Bermuda Football Union in 1963, it was stipulated that a club could not have two teams in one division, and so



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West End Rovers and Somerset Colts were amalgamated and became simply Somerset Cricket Club with Conrad Simons as coach. The result was a powerhouse that swept all opposition aside, claiming three straight triple crowns of League Championships, FA Challenge Cup, and Friendship Trophy in 1967 – 68, 1968 – 69, and 1969 -70. In Addition to Clyde Best playing professionally in England, Randy Horton played professionally in the NASL, and Richard 'Dirt' Simmons played professionally in Canada.

Household names such as Kenny Cann, Lionel 'Baldy' Smith, Rudy Smith, Rudy Minors, Larry, Hunt, 'Bubba Daniels', Coolridge 'Bumbla' Bell, George Brangman, Dwayne 'Tricks' Richardson, Bernard Brangman, Clyde 'Tango' Burgess, Sheldon Bradshaw, and Reggie Tucker Jr. still evoke memories amongst older fans. The Club provided no less than nine members of Bermuda's silver medal winning Pan - Am Games team of 1967.

Throughout its 112 years, Somerset Cricket Club has seen many sports come and go – including billiards, golf, softball, fishing tournaments, volleyball, netball, darts, and baseball. Harry Hunt of Somerset Eagles along with SCC members, Rudy Minors and Rudy Smith had unsuccessful try-outs with the New York Yankees baseball teams when the colour of their skin was an issue in the early 1960's. The SCC Ladies Auxiliary was formed in 1970 with Frances Goodchild as its first President.

Members such as Beatrice Bascome, Gwen Dean, and Penny Stevens-Bean were three of the founding members of the Bermuda Netball Association. Past Presidents Reginald Pearman and Erwyn Bean started a women's volleyball team which had numerous successes in the Bermuda Volleyball League. Women were finally accepted as bona-fide members of SCC in 1983.

As SCC was synonymous with football, it was also synonymous with softball. Frederick Tucker, Aubrey Todd, and Egbert Brown were three of the first coaches of the Somerset Bluebirds softball team. The second group of coaches were Aubrey Simmons, Leroy Thompson, Rudy Smith, and Rudy Minors. They helped the Bluebirds to become the first team to be winners of the Triple Crown for two years in succession. Building on this success, the thriving programme at SCC mirrored the accomplishments of their male football players of 1967. It produced eight members of the Big Blue Machine which won the CAST Tournament in 1973 and the Gold Medal in the 1979 Pan Am Games. Softballers such as Marie Best, Rose Hart, June Durrant, Diane Hunt, Michelle Hunt, Ellen-Kate Horton, Angela Bean, and Yvette Brangman, brought honour and prestige to Somerset Cricket Club.

Non-sporting activities at SCC involved a host of events. Glittering President's Balls, Children's parties, Old-Timers Concerts and Plays, Majorettes, Talent shows, and Anniversary week celebrations were once part and parcel of life. Furthermore, Somerset Cricket Club has historically played a major role in the social and educational arena. Some notable contributors have been Dr. E. Cann, Dr. E.F. Gordon, Mr. I. Henry. Mr. C. Snaith, Mr. Warren Simmons, Mr. E. Cox, Mr. A. 'Champ' Hunt, Mr. P.Ratteray, Mr. C. Best, Mr. R. Horton, Mr. A. Simmons, Mr. R. Pearman, Mrs. L. Butterfield, Mrs. F. Goodchild, Mrs. B. Bascome, Mrs. G. Dean, Ms C. 'Molly' Simons, Mrs. D. Hunt, and Ms L. Wade.

Today, 112 years after its conception, Somerset Cricket Club boasts a thriving Youth Programme for both boys and girls in cricket and football, and perhaps these grass roots activities with emphasis on the Club's motto 'Semper Paratus' - ALWAYS PREPARED - will bring back the glory days of "Silver City".





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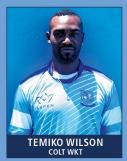




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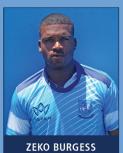


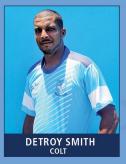


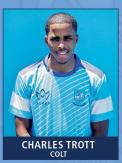


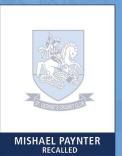


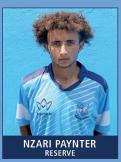






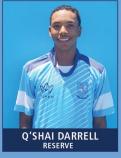












THE CUP

By: Diana Hunt

Many years after the abolition of slavery in Bermuda, enthusiastic men from Somerset and St. George's met in friendly rivalry and held celebrations of Emancipation by holding annual picnics and games –especially cricket.

After an exciting and exhilarating match (St. George's won by 1 run) in 1901 between the two major Friendly Societies, the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in St. George's and Somerset, a suggestion was made that more interest in the cricket competition between the East and the West would be stimulated if a cup could be purchased and played for annually.

At the first combined meeting of the Societies, all members agreed and it was decided to send to England for a cup. Members of both Societies contributed six pennies each to defray the cost of the cup. Interestingly enough, a Mr. Meyer from St. George's offered to buy the cup for the Lodges, but the members refused the offer. They wanted FULL ownership- a cup they could call their own!

Mr. Henry Cann, an avid spectator, trusted administrator, and the first Secretary of Somerset Cricket Club was given the responsibility of ordering the cup. He sent off the specifications to Messrs.. Gold Smith & Company in London.

When Mr. Cann received the notice from the Somerset Post Office to say that the Cup had arrived he was unable to pick it up before it closed. So, he asked his wife Mrs. Mary Cann, to pick it up for him. Curiousity got the better of her and she not only picked up the package but opened it and looked inside. And so it was, a LADY was the first to see this notable Cup -much to the annoyance of her husband.

The exquisitely designed sterling silver Cup was purchased in 1902 for 20 Guineas (420 shillings), and now priceless, is more than the symbol of cricket supremacy in Bermuda. It is in a way, the heart and soul of a once enslaved and downtrodden people who were confident of their innate abilities to rise to the top and excel in all their endeavours. It is a sterling silver symbol of Freedom and the right to own, rather than be owned. It is a symbol of independence and free-mindedness. The idea of THE CUP MATCH CUP was the combined ingenuity of skillful, imaginative, and far-sighted players, supporters, and administrators of whom all of Bermuda should be proud.

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