

## Depleted Dornoch Win Through

10/5/91

Dornoch Cricket Club started the season last Saturday on a high note with a win by 29 runs against visiting Nairn.

This is Dornoch's first season in the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League, and the win was all the more remarkable because Dornoch were short of a full team and suffered from a player injury during the game.

Dornoch won the toss on a cold afternoon at the Meadows and were soon in trouble losing an early wicket, but John Scott and Rob Jones took the score into the 40s before Jones was run out for 25.

More wickets fell, and with the score at 50 for 5 it looked as though Dornoch would not bat out their 45 overs, let alone put together a respectable total.

However Mike Irwin chose the right innings to make his maiden 50, (3x6s). He and skipper Jonathan

Brett Young batted cautiously, and, in a partnership worth nearly 100, took the score to 162 for 6.

Nairn were away to a good start and were 89 for 1 at one stage. However tight fielding and accurate bowling by Mike Irwin, Bob Jones and Tim Jarvis slowed the run rate down, and with wickets falling at regular intervals Nairn were all out for 133 in their last over, and Dornoch took 10 points.

Dornoch have a full fixture list this season, and new players are welcome. Practice is planned for Wednesday evenings, and anyone interested should give Tim Jarvis a ring on Dornoch 810809.

The next League match is against Ross County at the Meadows on Sunday, May 12.

**Dornoch 6 for 162.** (J Scott 21, R Jones 25, J Brett Young 33, M Irwin 61 no).

**Nairn 133.** (R Wicks 1/7, M Irwin 4/57, T Jarvis 3/26).

## Dornoch Cricketers notch Second Victory

17/5/91

Dornoch Cricket Club had a convincing win against Ross County at the Meadows at the weekend.

The game was played in blustery conditions which caused problems with the balls throughout the match.

Dornoch won the toss and put County in to bat. Their total of 110 all out was never going to cause Dornoch problems. Steady bowling by Mike Irwin, Rob Jones, Tim Jarvis and Patrick Argyle, who all took wickets, resulted a low total to chase.

Dornoch's innings was dominated by an undefeated 68 by Patrick Argyle whose timing and power were a pleasure to watch. He even

had time to leave the field temporarily to check a cut eye suffered by a Ross fieldsman hit in the face by a ball.

John Scott, Rob Jones and Jim Hoy all supported Patrick during the innings and Dornoch were comfortable winners for the second week in a row in their first year in the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League.

On Sunday Dornoch entertained Fochabers at the Meadows in the National Village Cricket Cup. Tomorrow they travel to Fochabers to play a League match.

**Dornoch 113 for 2** (P Argyle 68 no, J Scott 16, R Jones 10, J Hoy 13 no).

**Ross County 110** (T Jarvis 4/26, R Jones 2/36, M Irwin 1/25, P Argyle 1/25).

## Knocked Out by only 9 Runs

24/5/91

Dornoch Cricket Club suffered mixed fortunes in their double fixture with Fochabers last weekend.

On Saturday they travelled to Fochabers and won convincingly — the third consecutive win in the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League.

On Sunday, Dornoch entertained a strong Fochabers team in the National Village knockout competition, and lost narrowly.

Saturday's game was played in wet conditions, and fine bowling by Mike Irwin, Tim Jarvis, and Rob Jones demolished the Fochabers innings. They were all out for 54. Rob Jones and skipper Jonathan Brett Young were able to knock off the runs and Dornoch were clear winners by 8 wickets.

Sunday's game at the Meadows was much more keenly fought, with the winner going into the next round of the Village Cup competition. Dornoch won the toss and put the visitors into bat. Tight and accurate bowling kept the score to 96. Outstanding was Rob Wicks who took 5/24.

Dornoch were 87 for 9 after their 40 overs, and so failed to achieve what would have been a remarkable win by 9 runs. John Dargie 17 not out, and Jonathan Brett Young 16 were the top scorers. The middle order batting failed (3 wickets falling in one over to a seemingly innocuous slow bowler), and the battle was always uphill after that.

**Dornoch 2 for 55** (R Jones 25) beat Fochabers 54 all out (Irwin 2/21, Jarvis 4/30, Jones 4/1) in the League.

**Dornoch 9 for 87** lost to Fochabers 96 (R Wicks 5/24) in the Village Cup.

## CRICKET

### Funfair didn't distract Dornoch!

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31/5/91

Dornoch Cricket Club had a comfortable win at Elgin in the first round of the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League Knockout Cup on Sunday.

The match was played adjacent to a large charity fête, with bands, pipes, fire engine sirens and public address system notices for lost children as a background to the sound of leather on willow.

As someone remarked, it was rather like playing in the West Indies!

Dornoch were put into bat by Elgin, and an opening partnership of 80 by John Scott and Jonathan Brett Young laid the foundation for a total of 157 for 3 in the 30 overs. Hard hitting by Dave Smith and

Rob Jones ensured that Dornoch's total would be beyond the reach of Elgin.

In fact Elgin reached 127, but this was due more to loose bowling by Dornoch, than to good batting by Elgin. On a true wicket, the value of bowling a good line and length becomes apparent, if the batsmen can score off loose bowling. However, five bowlers shared the wickets as Elgin tried to keep up a fairly high run rate necessary to win, and when the last wicket fell to a fine diving catch by Mike Irwin, Dornoch were comfortable winners.

**Dornoch — 157 for 3** (J Scott 55, D Smith 44no, J Brett Young 25).

**Elgin — 127 all out.** (D Smith 3/13, R Wicks 2/12, T Jarvis 2/25).

## CRICKET

28/6/91

### Rain Stopped Play

Dornoch Cricket Club are undefeated at the top of the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League after a rain-affected draw against Northern Counties at the Meadows on Saturday.

Northern Counties were dismissed for 109 after being put into bat. Dornoch's all-weather wicket reacts to rain very much as a turf wicket does, and there was variable bounce in the wicket after a very heavy shower just before play started.

Wickets were shared by Robb Wicks, Tim Jarvis and John Dargie, and there was one run-out after a very smart piece of fielding by Michael Scott whose quick throw to father John Scott behind the stumps, beat the batsman home.

Dornoch's innings had only just started when heavy rain set in, and what could have been a very interesting match had to be called off with both teams getting 5 points.

Northern Counties 109, Dornoch 11 for 2. Match abandoned due to rain.

## CRICKET

26/6/91

### Meadows Match

Dornoch's game against RAF Lossiemouth last week was postponed.

This week Dornoch play host to Northern Counties with a 2 pm start on Saturday at Meadows Park. This week's match ball is sponsored by Pitgrudy Farm Holidays.

## CRICKET

7/6/91

### Another Win for Dornoch

Dornoch Cricket Club gained a comfortable victory over Highland at Inverness on Saturday — their fourth consecutive win in the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League.

Dornoch were put into bat on an easy paced wicket and achieved a score of 229 for 5 in their 45 overs. An opening partnership of 50 by Patrick Argyle and John Scott set the pace for Dave Smith and Rob Jones to continue to score freely off a modest bowling attack.

Tight bowling by Dornoch, with four bowlers sharing the wickets, kept Highland's total to 82, and a victory by 147 runs was achieved by late afternoon. Notable in the field were the three catches in slips by Dave Smith.

On Saturday, Dornoch entertain Elgin at the Meadows, starting at 2 pm.

**Dornoch 229 for 5** (J Scott 33, P Argyle 72, D Smith 67, R Jones 19 no, R Wicks 14).

**Highland 82.** (M Irwin 2/27, R Wicks 3/17, J Dargie 1/23, T Jarvis 3/10).

## CRICKET

14/6/91

### Fifth Victory

Dornoch Cricket Club gained their fifth consecutive win of the season in the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League when they entertained Elgin at the Meadows on Saturday.

Elgin were dismissed for a modest 72, with four bowlers sharing the wickets, and Dornoch were able to knock off the runs for the loss of three wickets.

**Elgin 72** (R Wicks 3/28, M Irwin 3/31, D Smith 1/5, J Dargie 2/0) lost to

**Dornoch 73 for 3** (J Scott 25, G McCann 15, D Smith 12 no) by 7 wickets.

Dornoch's next match is against Northern Counties at Dornoch on Saturday, June 22 at 2 pm.

CRICKET

12/7/91

## 3 Zebras bowled them over!

Dornoch Cricket Club narrowly failed to win the North of Scotland Reserve League seven-a-side competition at Nairn last weekend.

They were just beaten in the final by Nairn — 56 runs to Dornoch's 55, but only after the wicket had to be moved from the artificial wicket in the centre of the ground to another wicket close to the boundary between innings. Heavy rain made the artificial wicket slippery and therefore too dangerous.

Dornoch beat Grantown (69 runs each — but Dornoch won on a tie break of 1 additional over), and Fochabers (61 against Fochabers 33)

to get to the final.

John Scott, Rob Jones and Gregg MacCann all shared the runs for Dornoch in a very enjoyable competition — the highlight of which to many was the emergence from the sea mist of three zebras and a pony who walked on to the ground — looking for their circus from which

they had got lost!

Congratulations to John Scott, Dave Smith and Mike Irwin, who have been selected to represent the North of Scotland Reserve Select against Aberdeen Reserves at Forres this Saturday.

Dornoch have a busy week on July 20 and 21. At home in the League to Fochabers on the Saturday, and away to Northern Counties in the semi-final of the Knockout Cup on the Sunday.

CRICKET

26/7/91

## Short on Fielders, Poor on Catchers.

Dornoch Cricket Club narrowly lost to Northern Counties in the semi-final of the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve league knockout cup last weekend.

Unfortunately Dornoch were unable to field a full team through last minute withdrawals due to sickness and injury, and this was crucial to the result as the opposition scored 20 to 30 runs more than would have been possible if Dornoch had 11 fieldsmen.

Northern Counties, put into bat on a green and damp wicket, made 162 in their 30 overs — helped by a couple of dropped catches, and some loose bowling by Dornoch's later bowlers.

Dornoch were able to come as close as they did to this total thanks mainly to a hard-hitting innings of 56 by Greg McCann.

In a partnership of 52 with Jonathan Brett Young, the required run rate per over was close to being maintained, but Greg was finally out to a catch on the boundary while trying to keep the score moving.

A partnership of 46 between Rob

Wicks and Brett Young included three massive sixes, all hit out of the ground by Rob Wicks, and the impossible was looking distinctly possible. However both were out trying to score quickly and Dornoch finished 19 runs short.

Dornoch 143 (G McCann 56, R Wicks 36, J Brett Young 31) lost to Northern Counties 162 (M Irwin 1/21, R Wicks 1/14, G McCann 3/22, J Brett Young 2/20).

Dornoch play Ross County at Strathpeffer tomorrow (Saturday) in a League fixture.

## CRICKET

2/8/91

### Dornoch remain Top Dogs

Dornoch Cricket Club maintained their unbeaten lead at the top of the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League last weekend with a convincing win over Ross County at the Castle Leod ground.

Dornoch batted first and were 181 for 7 at the end of their 45 overs. Opening batsman John Scott unfortunately pulled a leg muscle and had to retire when he and Gregg McCann looked set for a useful opening partnership. However Gregg and Dave Smith then added 78 before Gregg was out for a hard hitting 62. Dave and captain Jonathan Brett Young then added 48 to consolidate the innings. Dave went on to make 55, and quick runs by Mike Irwin and John Dargie meant that Dornoch's total was always beyond the reach of Ross County.

Aggressive bowling by Dornoch had Ross County reeling at 39 for 7 at one stage, but a brave innings by County captain Tom Fraser (56), brought respectability to their score.

Dave Smith, standing in as wicket keeper for the injured John Scott took three good catches, and Dornoch's fielding was much improved on previous weeks.

Dornoch play Craigmonie in a friendly at the Meadows on Saturday.

**Dornoch** 181 for 7 (G McCann 62, D Smith 55, J Dargie 13, M Irwin 17 no) beat **Ross County** 110 (Irwin 3/21, Wicks 4/14, McCann 3/27, Fraser 56) by 71 runs.

## CRICKET

9/8/91

### Dornoch off to Elgin

Dornoch Cricket Club gained a comfortable win against Craigmonie, an Inverness Weekday League side, in a friendly match at the Meadows last weekend.

Dornoch batted first, and against some accurate bowling, runs were not easy to come by. Dave Smith top scored with 61, and he was assisted by Gregg McCann, Niall Scott, and Jonathan Brett Young, in taking the score to 121 for 7 in the 30 overs.

Craigmonie's batting fell apart against accurate bowling by Dornoch, and they were dismissed for 23. Mike Irwin, Rob Wicks, Tim Jarvis and John Dargie all shared the wickets, in a disappointing end to the match.

Serious cricket resumes for Dornoch this weekend when they visit Elgin in the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League. Dornoch have four more matches to play, and will be looking to consolidate their position at the top of the table.

**Dornoch** 121 for 7 (Smith 61, McCann 21, N Scott 14) beat **Craigmonie** 23 (Irwin 3/14, Wicks 1/1, Jarvis 1/3, Dargie 3/2).

## CRICKET

16/8/91

### Dornoch Likely League Winners

Dornoch Cricket Club are now almost certain winners of the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League.

They had a narrow win against closest rivals, Northern Counties in an exciting game at the Northern Meeting Park in Inverness on Saturday.

In a low-scoring match, played on a damp wicket after a heavy morning shower, Dornoch, defending a total of 103, bowled aggressively to dismiss Northern Counties for 98 — winning by 5 runs.

Of the early batsmen only Dave Smith, with a workmanlike 30 achieved double figures, and with the score at 56 for 6 wickets, a low total looked likely. However a partnership of 37 between John Dargie and Mike Irwin took the total close to the hundred and towards respectability. Dornoch's strength in this their first season in competitive cricket, has been the ability of all team members to contribute, especially when disaster looms.

Northern Counties were away to

a good start which was only broken by a brilliant throw by Dave Smith to run out one of the opening batsmen. Dave also took to good catches as wicketkeeper, and was injured later on in the match when going for a third when he collided with Rob Wicks. (The injury fortunately was not serious). Tight bowling by Rob Wicks, who was unlucky not to get a wicket, but who beat the bat on many occasions, and Gregg McCann, bowling with plenty of pace made Northern Counties task difficult. The runs were coming, but wickets were also falling and, with 25 runs to win with three wickets in hand the game appeared to be going Counties way.

The breakthrough came when two catches were held from the slow off spin of Jonathan Brett Young. Les Waugh and Rob Wicks holding on to good catches, and when John Scott caught the final Counties batsman, Dornoch were home by 5 runs in an exciting finish.

**Dornoch** — 103 (Smith 30, Dargie 12no, Irwin 25) beat **Northern Counties** — 98 (McCann 6/34, Brett Young 2/9, Irwin 1/7).

## CRICKET

30/8/91

### Dornoch clinch Reserve League

Dornoch celebrated their winning the Macallan North of Scotland Reserve League in fine style last Saturday by defeating Highland by 53 runs at the Meadows.

This is Dornoch's first season of competitive cricket and the whole team have pulled together well to carry off the title.

Dornoch batted first and after a slow start were 131 for 8 wickets after their 45 overs. Five batsmen contributed — McCann 16, John Scott 15, Dargie 12, and a careful knock by Rob Jones 28, but substance was given to the total by a violent innings of 31 by Rob Wicks who hit three sixers and a four in the last two overs.

The bowling was again a team effort with five bowlers sharing the

wickets, assisted by some good catches and smart fielding. At one stage two Dornoch bowlers, Gregg McCann and John Dargie, were on a hat-trick at the same time — almost a unique situation, however neither was able to complete the taking of three wickets in three balls.

The match ball was sponsored by the Station Takeaway, Dornoch.

Dornoch's final League match is at Nairn on the 7th September, when the team will be hoping for a win to remain undefeated in their first year in the League.

**Dornoch** 131 for 8 (McCann 16, Scott 15, Jones 28, Wicks 31, Dargie 12).

beat **Highland** 78 (Wicks 1/23, Irwin 1/13, Jarvis 2/14, McCann 2/13, Dargie 3/6).