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## Guernsey U19 Men's Squad announced for home Qualifiers

The Guernsey National U19 Men's Squad take part in the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup Europe Division 2 Qualifier to be hosted by Guernsey Cricket from 5th to 11th August 2022.

The 14 players selected are;

- Ollie Clapham (Captain)
- Charlie Birch
- Dan Brown
- Blake Carre
- Adam De La Mare
- Harry Duke
- Max Johnson
- Joe Marshall (WK)
- Fintan Ridgwick (WK)
- Loius Steyn
- Dan Thomas
- Marcus Thomas
- Charlie Forshaw
- Harry Johnson

Coaching Team – Lee Forshaw, Ben Ferbrache, Mandy Le Messurier

The tournament sees the 8 teams split into two groups with Guernsey drawn in Group A along with France, Germany, and Italy. The top two teams in each group will play Semi-Finals and then a Third Place Play Off and Final to determine the three teams who will move forward to the Europe Division 1 Qualifier. The other teams will play off against each other to determine the fifth to eighth placings.

Full fixture list (matches start 1100);

Date	Round	KGV	College Field	Memorial Fields	Port Soif
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Group	Norway v Denmark	Isle of Man v Sweden	Guernsey v France	Germany v Italy
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Group	Guernsey v Germany	France v Italy	Norway v Isle of Man	Denmark v Sweden
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Group	Sweden v Norway	Italy v Guernsey	France v Germany	Denmark v Isle of Man
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Semi-Finals	A1 v B2	B1 v A2	A3 v B4	B3 v A4
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Play Offs	Final	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Play Off	5 <sup>th</sup> Place Play Off	7 <sup>th</sup> Place Play Off

"We're really looking forward to bringing our ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup Europe Division 2 to Guernsey later this Summer. It was a real shame that this event wasn't able to take place in 2020 due to the pandemic but the entire Guernsey Cricket Board team have done a great job in preparing for an event which will bring both strong cricket and economic legacy to the Bailiwick. We know how much the youngsters from the x8 participating countries are looking forward to competing in August, in what will mark the beginning of the road to the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup in 2024" said Andrew Wright, ICC Development Manager Europe.

On hosting ICC Tournament cricket again Guernsey Cricket CEO Mark Latter said, "we are thrilled to be able to bring ICC Pathway event competition back to Guernsey after last hosting the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Europe Qualifier in 2019. This allows the boys to show how good they are and perform in front of family and friends and the whole Island, who we hope will turn out in force to cheer the Greens on. The squad is training enthusiastically under the guidance of Ben (Ferbrache) and Lee (Forshaw) and I am sure like me they cannot wait to get going with the competition. We are looking forward to welcoming all the teams to Guernsey and we have a great team, lead by Carl Brooks as Host Tournament Director, to put on great show."

Guernsey U19 captain Ollie Clapham is looking forward to the tournament; "obviously I'm very excited for the tournament, as I know everyone else is. It's great to be playing other nations for the first time in a few years. With the strong squad we have I am confident we can win the tournament and qualify for the next stage of the ICC U19 Men's World Cup."

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