

## ISL Cricket Juniors triumph in Schools Cup

**CRICKET**

As the Indoor Cricket winter season draws to a close, the International School of Luxembourg hosted the inaugural Schools Cup last Sunday. Three teams, representing ISL, the European School and a combined Local Schools team fought out some close matches.

The first match saw the Local Schools team put together a challenging target of 112 from 12 overs with Charlie Ramsden (20 not out) batting solidly despite some good bowling from Chris Evans. In reply, the European School started well but slowly and despite 21 not out from Padryc Merkl, the required run rate was climbing. The pace accelerated but the lower order could only reach a total of 99, just 13 runs short of victory.

The second match saw ISL batting first and they were soon setting a hot pace. The Barker twins totalled 61 between them and were supported well by the team to reach a final total of 113. But no-one could have predicted the next few minutes as the European School needed to get away strongly in chase of that score. But the second over saw James Barker bowling his accurate spin and taking three wickets in three balls, all caught behind by wicketkeeper William Cope. A final score of 11 all out meant a winning margin of over 100 runs.

These results meant the third match was to be the decider. ISL again batted first and looked like posting a high score but good bowling from Christopher Fry (2 overs, 2 wickets



for 6 runs) pegged them back to a total of 108. The Local Schools team now had a good chance to win. Tim Cullen batted strongly supported by Charlie Ramsden but then two run outs changed the game. The pressure mounted

as ISL fielding kept the runs down leading to a victory by 34 runs. All this competitive cricket led to the moment when a very proud ISL captain Marcus Cope took the plaudits for winning the first Schools Cup.

## Darts league and cup update

**DARTS**

Following a break for the Easter holidays, the Luxembourg Darts League resumed this past week. Division One continues to be led by reigning champions the Vortex Vipers (playing out of the White Rose), closely followed by the Brooklyn Zoo (the Viking) & the Thargs (also the White Rose)

while Division Two is topped by the Anarchists (playing out of Café Henri VII) who now require one more victory to clinch promotion.

In addition, the quarter finals round of the Team Knock Out has been completed, the only surprise being the victory of 2nd division

leaders the Anarchists over the 1st division Chaotics, with Brooklyn Zoo, Vortex Vipers and Thargs the other three teams into the semi-finals.

Addresses of venues as well as match schedules can be found can on the league's temporary

web-site. Anyone is interested in joining a team or perhaps creating a team of their own should contact the LDL organisers on luxdarts-league@hotmail.com.

[www.vortexvipers.lu](http://www.vortexvipers.lu)

## Luxembourg miss out on promotion

**ICE HOCKEY**

Sam Gage

Luxembourg's ice hockey team once again finished third in World Championship Division III and thus missed out on promotion to Division II by one victory. The crucial defeat came at the hands, or sticks, of South Africa last Thursday evening, the home side going down 4-5 in an exciting match.

Following the 2-1 defeat to eventual group winners North Korea, the loss to South Africa meant Luxembourg

had to rely on a slip-up by the Springboks to Mongolia on the final day of matches. Mongolia had already been thrashed by every team in the tournament, including a 0-9 loss to Luxembourg on Saturday evening.

When South Africa only led Mongolia 3-2 after the first period, it looked like a welcome upset might be on the cards. But it was not to be and South Africa ran out 12-4 winners.

Luxembourg went on to beat Greece 3-2 in the final game of the tourna-

ment and claim third place, but it was North Korea with an undefeated

record and South Africa who claimed the two promotion places.

