

GUERNSEY CRICKET BOARD

# Stokes scoops the top annual award

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MATT STOKES is the 2014 GCB cricketer-of-the-year.

The young island all-rounder enjoyed a fantastic summer for both Guernsey and Elizabeth College and was a popular winner at the Guernsey Cricket Board's end of season event at The Farmhouse on Saturday night. The young player of the year award went to another Elizabethan and 2mi Wanderers player, Tom Nightingale.

Nightingale also won the Investec U19 player of the year award, while other age-group honours went to Pierre Moody (Veterans), Declan Martel (U15) and Alex Bushell (U17). Meanwhile, the prestigious Robin Roussel Memorial Trophy went to another highly promising Elizabethan in Naim Guilbert.

This year's five cricketers of the year included, for a second successive year, the Cobo Tigers duo of Jamie Nussbaumer and Ollie Newey, plus Matt Stokes, Will Peatfield and Tom Kimber who led Miton Optimal to a Swuffers Weekend trophy double.

Meanwhile, Jeremy Frith has become the first recipient of the Alan Hamilton Memorial Trophy, previously known as the GCB Spirit of Cricket Trophy.

Frith, who is in the UK, and Hamilton enjoyed a great rapport over a long period and the all-rounder, who recently announced his retirement from the game, was an obvious recipient given his often remarkable efforts for the national team over the past decade, his inspirational play key to the island's inter-insular and international triumphs over that period.

**Full list of award winners to follow**