

In the spotlight...

Harry Barrett-Giles

Barrett-Giles' bowling set to progress with age



Harry Barrett-Giles delivers a ball for Elizabeth College at the start of this year's cricket season.

(Picture by Tom Tardif, 9707575)

AFTER recovering from a broken leg that threatened to stunt his cricketing development, Harry Barrett-Giles' bowling has been tipped to make an impact for years to come. In what has been a young Elizabeth College team in the past season, seamer Barrett-Giles is one of the older faces at 17 and has been important with the new ball in hand. Also playing club cricket for Cobo and Jazz Hats, he is improving all of the time, according to his College coach Tom Eisenhuth. He says that because Barrett-Giles has not yet got the raw pace in his armoury, it has helped him to become a better bowler in other areas of his game. 'Considering the broken leg that Harry had only a couple of years ago, he has come back and progressed fantastically well, probably better than even the doctors predicted,' said Eisenhuth. 'He is evolving as a bowler all of

Having worked with the Guernsey Cricket Board's bowling consultant, Harry Barrett-Giles' performances with ball in hand have kept on improving. **Matt Lihou** finds out more

the time and is picking up his pace as he progresses, but at the moment, he is at that perfect pace for batters to be able to hit. 'That means that he has to be disciplined in other areas and rely on line and length to ensure he doesn't give much away and that is what he is learning all of the time. 'His key thing is learning how not to give a boundary ball an over and keep it tight, so when his pace does pick up, he will have the key basics already in place. 'Harry has been working with Steffan Jones [GCB bowling

consultant] for the last year or so and those benefits are showing clearly. 'His action is quite a whippy one and what it means is that he isn't putting overly much strain on his body, which will also be beneficial moving forward.' As well as his club commitments, Barrett-Giles' progress makes him an important part of his Guernsey representative age group team, in this case the under-19s. He featured in last summer's ICC European Division Two U19 Championship, while he has continued to feature this 2015

summer so far. Just last week he played for a Guernsey U18s side in Denmark in a series of 50-over and Twenty20 matches against the hosts and also a Netherlands side. Barrett-Giles' potential is clear and now Eisenhuth is laying down the challenge for the teenager to replicate his bowling progress with similar improvements with the bat. 'Harry is a cracking young lad, one of the nicest you could meet and he is also a really hard worker at his game, so he does work hard on his batting as well. 'But he tends to work on slogging the ball because that is how he perhaps sees his role lower down the order, but the key now is to learn to play proper cricket shots. 'If he can do that and progress in that area over the next few months, then with his bowling progress, he will be a very, very useful cricketer indeed.'

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| HARRY BARRETT-GILES | |
| Age: | 17 |
| Sport: | Cricket |
| Club: | Cobo, Jazz Hats |
| Notable achievements: | Played for Guernsey in last year's ICC European Division Two U19 Championship |