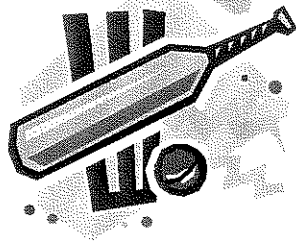


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# Toulouse Cricket Club

## - reborn

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To those interested in trivia it may surprise you to know that there are over 1000 registered cricket players in France. Most are based around Paris but as of 2006 almost 20 were registered for the resurrected Toulouse Cricket Club. Some more mature TWIG members may recall the early days of the club in the early 80's. Well, riding on the euphoric wave of England Ashes success in 2005 it seemed only natural for some young blood, well, middle-aged blood, to try and introduce the word 'googly' to our Toulousain colleagues. Alas the Ashes have been lost but TCC lives on.

There are 14 clubs spread between Bordeaux and Beziers. Most are affiliated to France Cricket and/or the Association des Clubs de Cricket du Sud-Ouest (ACCO-S). Last season, without a home

ground, we managed to win 7 of 13 matches against many of these sides including an exciting cup run and a visiting touring side from the UK.

For the 2007 season we have joined the French League and it's sure to add a bit of spice to our games. We also have a (temporary) home pitch courtesy of the Toulouse Mairie. It is situated at Stade Sordelo, zone de Pech David, on the flight path and with some great views of Toulouse. Match days tend to be Sunday afternoons.

Our website at -

[www.toulousecc.com/index.htm](http://www.toulousecc.com/index.htm)

has all the details so if you would like to watch a few men, most old enough to know better, try and hit or catch a very hard ball you know where to come. You can expect a friendly welcome and if you're

really keen, why not join our mailing list for all the latest info. Our early season home fixtures are:

March 25th - Coaching with French University, Juniors welcome, Internal Club Match  
April 8th - Toulouse CC vs Tarn CC (Friendly)

May 6th - Toulouse CC vs Armagnac-Bigorre CC (League match)

May 20th - Toulouse CC vs Tarn CC (League match)

May 27th - Toulouse CC vs Noé CC (League match)

June 3rd - Toulouse CC vs Midi CC (League match)

