



ICC Americas Region News Flash

March, 2008



- **Another thrilling ending, this time in Suriname**
- **Bermuda makes it a double for the Region**
- **The Americas Development XI ready to take on the world.**
- **2008 Development Forum planned for the Cayman Islands May 10/11.**



Hosts Suriname shock the region by taking the Division 2 title in Paramaribo.

In a dramatic and unbelievable final twist to the Americas Division 2 Championship, Suriname not only beat a woeful Bahamas in the final game, but clinched the title and promotion to Division 1, by virtue of a superior net run rate. Needing only 83 to avoid a net run rate scenario and capture all the spoils (in perfect batting conditions) Bahamas, in reply to Suriname's 205, self-destructed with a disastrous score of 57 all out and an amazing 146 run defeat.

It was from any perspective a poor Bahamas performance, firstly by allowing Suriname to reach a respectable 205, and then

by simply handing everything to the host nation in a puzzlingly forgettable batting effort.

The Surinamese batsmen struggled throughout but battled bravely to reach 205 all out in 46 overs, and only Shazam Ramjohn seemed to come to terms with the Bahamas attack. Ramjohn contributed a fine 48, in 48 balls, with other valuable contributions coming from skipper Sanjay Meghoe (28) and Terbhawan Ranjit (23).

For the Bahamas, left-arm spin duo Dwight Weakley (3 for 47) and captain Narendra Ekanayake (2 for 35) proved to be the most effective with the ball.

In reply, the Bahamian batsman contrived to self-destruct in 24.1 overs and crash dismally to 57 all out. Not one batsman reached double figures in an innings where the obviously superior Bahamas team just seemed to capitulate.

Heroes for Suriname were the opening bowling pair of "Man of the Match" Troy Dudnauth and Carlton Baker. Bowling unchanged for the first 20 overs, by which time the Bahamas were 50 for 9, Dudnauth finished with an outstanding 5 for 21 in his 10 overs, while Baker was no less impressive with 3 for 27 in 10 overs.

Division 2 standings:

	P	W	L	Pts	NRR
1. Suriname	3	2	1	8	1,527
2. Bahamas	3	2	1	8	1,027
3. Panama	3	2	1	8	-0,123
4. Turks & Caicos Islands	3	0	3	0	-2,762

GLOBAL AWARDS

Americas Region scored two Global Awards, thanks to Bermuda. Bermuda won “Best Overall Cricket Development Program” and “Photo of the Year”. The Best Overall Cricket Program award places emphasis on excellence in all of governance, management, cricket operations and development.

Martin Vieira, Regional Development Manager, stated “These awards again demonstrate the benefits

derived from Bermuda’s appearance in the 2007 CWC”. “While most concentrated only on the scoreboard, it was refreshing to have people like the BCB and their volunteers doing what was right for the development of cricket in the island”.

Bermuda scored a second win with the photo by Earl Basden of www.islandstats.com – “It’s a catch”, which won Global Photo of the Year.



It’s a catch !
Congratulations Bermuda on the double!

U15 CLICO TOURNAMENT

The Americas Region announced their Development X1 squad to participate in the U15 CLICO tournament scheduled for the West Indies from April 16 to May 5. Players from five different countries will make up the team, under the management of Lionel Tannock (Manager-Bermuda), Calvin Clarke (Asst.Manager-Canada) and

Theo Cuffy (Coach- Cayman Islands).

The full squad is: Nitish Kumar (Capt.-Canada), Sinclair Smith (V-Capt.-Bermuda), Jermaine Adderley & Rudolph Fox (Bahamas), Shane Cato & Dale Parker (Cayman Islands), Damali Bell, Shea Pitcher & Joshua Gilbert (Bermuda), Nikhil Dutta, Trevor Manoosingh and Jobanjot

Sidhu (Canada), Abhijit Joshi & Steven Taylor (USA).

Fixtures Americas Dev.X1
Knock Out – (Barbados)
Sun. April 20 vs Kenya

Group Stage (Guyana)
Sun.April 26 vs Zimbabwe
Sun. April 27 vs Pakistan
Tue. April 29 vs Holland

Good luck Americas.

DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The region’s 2008 Development Forum will be held on May 10/11 in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. Details have already been circulated and it is expected to draw a record attendance with two additional members this year and, hopefully, representatives from the WICB attending. All members are asked to return their confirmation notices by April 20th.



ARGENTINA

109th North vs. South (3 day match)

This annual game, the highlight of Argentine cricket, was rained out on two consecutive weekends. The Captains decided to play a 50 over friendly game.

The South won the toss and elected to field. On a very tricky wicket the North struggled to close their 50 overs on 155/9 with Gary Savage a well played 40 not out. The South passed their target for the loss of six wickets in the 34th over. A. Buurman (48) and C. Gibson (34) top scored.

Second Division Championships

The Belgrano Barbarians claimed the Second Division Championship title edging out Hurlingham by 2 points. This is the first season that the Belgrano Barbarians have entered a team in the Second Division league.

First Division Declaration League

The Hurlingham Hawks have continued their dominance of the First Division cricket by making a strong start to the First Division Declaration League. They have managed to beat St.Albans Sharks and Lomas Eagles to top the table with 8 points. St. Albans Sharks and Belgrano Cavaliers have 4 points each with St.Georges College First X1 and Lomas Eagles yet to score.

NEC Cup Final

St.Albans Sharks overcame a strong challenge from their

South rivals Lomas Eagles in the semi final of the NEC Cup. Earlier in the season Hurlingham Hawks over powered their North rivals Belgrano Cavaliers by 210 runs to set up the final on April 13 at St.Georges College (turf pitch).

Trinidad and Tobago U14 tour

The Trinidad and Tobago U14 girls team will be touring Argentina at the end of March/early April. They will play three matches against the Argentine National Women's team (Baimax Cup) along with two other. They will also play two other matches against an Argentine Development X1 and the ACA President's team. Watch the April edition for all reports and scorecards.

BAHAMAS

The Bahamas National team left for Suriname on March 29 to participate in the ICC Americas Division 2 tournament against teams from Suriname, Turks & Caicos and Panama. The team is captained by Narendra Ekanayake, coached by John Welch and managed by Irvin Taylor. The Bahamas is looking to win the tournament to keep their ranking as the number 1 affiliate in the Americas region.

Youth Development

The youth development continues to strive under the direction of coach John Welch who has now developed a strong under 15 team. The young men

continue to train and play matches at Windsor Park.

The League competition for seniors will commence on April 19 at Windsor Park while the turf wickets at Haynes Oval are being refurbished.

BERMUDA

BCB and Bank of Bermuda Foundation Announces Maybury Scholarship

The Bermuda Cricket Board is extremely pleased to announce that Mr. Greg Maybury has been accepted to attend the prestigious Oakham School, UK, starting in April 2008. The Bank of Bermuda Foundation has generously agreed to assist in funding Greg's schooling. This is the second time the Foundation has supported one of the BCB's promising young cricketers. With the support of the Foundation, Stefan Kelly has attended Oakham since 2003 and is planning to attend one of the UCCE in September 2008.

At only 14 years of age, Greg Maybury is an outstanding young opening bowler with the ability to swing the ball either way. Greg plays senior cricket for Somerset CC and opens the bowling in their senior side.



Lester Harnett to Umpire in Suriname

The BCB is pleased to announce that Mr. Lester Harnett from the Regional A Panel of Umpires was selected by the ICC to officiate the forthcoming Americas WCL Division 2 Championship to be held in Paramaribo, Suriname from March 31 to April 6, 2008.



U12 and U16 Girls National Cricket Trials

The BCB is pleased to announce trials for Bermuda's first girls U16 and U12 National Squads on Sunday, March 16.



The teams will train regularly under the guidance of qualified cricket coaches and compete in the BCB Youth Leagues. The program for the day has been designed by National Coach, Gus Logie and Cricket Development Director, Arnold Manders.



BRAZIL

The Benefits of IOC Recognition

Following on the heels of the ICC becoming an IOC recognized federation, the Brazilian Cricket Association has now been officially recognized by the Brazilian Ministry of Sport, which opens the door to a number of important support programs. The Association's corporate sponsors are now eligible for a 1% tax rebate, while individuals can receive a 6% rebate on their financial support. We have also enrolled three Brazilian players to receive Athlete's grants – Rudyard Hartmann from the men's team, Juliana Britto and Erika Reinehr of the women's team, who will each receive over US \$400 a month for the next year to help with their training expenses. It also means Brasilia will now have three paid Development Officers. While a number of people joined forces to apply for this government recognition, everyone in the Brazilian Cricket Association wishes to thank our President, Ian Webster, for overseeing the entire process.

In other news, league play in Brasilia is taking a break due to the rainy season, but the season is underway in Sao Paulo and at the HSBC ground in Curitiba, where Gralha Azul (N.Baldwin 75) won its opening T20 match by 53 runs over Swadisht.

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CANADA

Canadian Lady Cricketers to tour Trinidad & Tobago

The lady cricketers of Canada will undertake their first overseas tour when they pay a visit to the Caribbean island nation of Trinidad & Tobago between April 10-21. The national side will be led by right-hand all-rounder Mona Persaud of Cambridge, Ontario, with vice-captain Joanne White of Victoria, British Columbia. Joanne, a right-hand all-rounder, displayed her ability during the inaugural Ladies Americas Cup held at Toronto in 2007 when she made scores of 50 not out against Bermuda and 34 not out against Argentina as Canada captured the Americas Trophy. Manager of the team is Janet John-Dorie, a dual Guyana/Canada international wicket-keeper, and the team's coach is former Canadian all-rounder George Codrington who was a member of the Canadian World Cup team in the West Indies in 2007.

Schedule for the Canadian team is:

April 13 vs Trinidad
Development X1 at NCC
April 15 vs Tobago X1 at Tobago
April 17 vs Trinidad U21 X1 at UWI
April 19 vs Trinidad
Development X1 at NCC
April 20 vs Trinidad U21 X1 at NCC

An Outstanding Innings

Former Bemboka Resident **Kevin Boller** has just completed a record 30 years as Public Relations Officer of the Canadian Cricket Association, having held the position since 1978. In his early years he played cricket in Sydney with the British

Ex-Imperial Cricket Club. He also lived in Auckland, New Zealand before spending 14 years in the Royal Australian Navy. Kevin and his wife Maureen resided in her native city of Belfast, Northern Ireland during the early 1970s, before moving to Toronto, Canada in 1972. Sadly, Maureen passed away in 2003.



During his days in Canada, Kevin has managed to write the history of Canadian cricket and was founder of the Canadian Women's Cricket Association in 2004. He has provided data on Canadian cricket to the British Broadcasting Corporation and the "Times" of London.

Name Change

Canadian Cricket Association had its name changed to Cricket Canada. Approval from the Minister of Industry and the Director, Corporations Canada was received March 17, 2008. The organization is now known as **CRICKET CANADA**.



What's in a Name eh!

CAYMAN ISLANDS

CLICO Cayman 20/20 tournaments had finals befitting the intensity of the tournaments. No one left the Smith Road Oval disappointed after witnessing two exciting and enthralling matches which kept everyone at the edge of their seats.

Division 2 final gave West Bay another victorious day in their long history of success but it did not come easy. BrightStaff Greenies Too had good contributions from Steve Smith, Faisal Ahmad and Tom Stephens in getting to 130 for 8 wickets. Youngster Darren Cato walked in at the fall of an early wicket and with Ugal Sicard batted with assurance, stroking the bowling around the Oval and secured victory by 5 wickets. For his excellent batting, Darren won the Man of the Match award.

No one expected a last ball finish in the By Rite versus ESSO clash for Division 1 20/20 supremacy. Batting first By Rite started poorly losing 5 wickets for 17 runs as ESSO bowlers led by Kevon Bazil and Franklin Hinds picked up 3 wickets each. By Rite final score was 106. Was it good enough for ESSO?

If his batting was not good enough, Tulloch began By Rite's defense by getting a wicket in the first over but ESSO had other ideas. Sam Suberan and Ryan Bovell combined in building the platform but with the introduction of Omar Bryan the match changed directions again. Bryan took 3 wickets as ESSO lost the upper hand resulting in them requiring 7 runs from 6 balls from Man of the Match Kenute Tulloch. At the end of this thrilling

encounter ESSO failed in their bid by 1 run, scoring 105 for 8 wickets. By Rite continues to dominate the Cayman Islands Division 1 in the shortest and most exciting version of the game.

Congratulations to the winners West Bay and By Rite, winning the first CLICO Cayman sponsored 20/20 tournaments!



CHILE

Metropolitan Cup

The first ever Metropolitan Cup matches were held outside of the Metropolitan Region this month when La Reina CC, Las Condes CC and Santiago CC all traveled down to Vina del Mar to play the Vina del Mar XI. Three matches have been held at the St. Peters School field using the flicx pitch laid over the sandy field. St. Peters is in the process of leveling and turfing the field which is large enough for two matches to be played side-by-side. The first ever Fifth Region Cup match was played on Saturday March 29th between Vina X1 (56 for 9) and the Vina del Mar Cricket Club (57 for 8). The Vina X1 won the match by 2 wickets with an over to spare.



COSTA RICA

Costa Rica Cricket Association reported two matches played on Sunday, February 24th between Corsairs CC and Raleigh-Gaps at CATIE in Turrialba, with each club winning one match apiece.

All the club's attention was then focused on the upcoming tour to Nicaragua to play in a three nation contest against Nicaragua and El Salvador. Costa Rica won the title, El Salvador came second and Nicaragua third. The squad enjoyed the trip very much and thank Micky Peart, Roger Mathauda and Andrew Murgatroyd for conceiving and arranging it. Thanks also to Bagelmens for their sponsorship.

MEXICO

Mexico Cricket Association took on Houston Memorial Cricket Club for the 27th year running at the Reforma Club in Mexico City on March 9th. Houston were all out for 167 in 34 overs, but it could have been much worse as Mexico bowled 35 wides. Mexico started the second innings strongly enough but then lost 4 wickets for just 39 runs. Man of the Match Michael Farrant changed the game with a stunning 64 which included 5 fours and 6 sixes, before being caught going for another 6. The game finished with Mexico scoring 169 for 8 with 5 overs left.

The MCA have now won all four matches played this season and are still hoping to get another trip in before the rainy season. The majority of our team seem keen to visit the newly formed Cancun Cricket Club, although I am

not sure that they are concentrating on purely cricketing reasons.



PANAMA

An important game between Bhattay CC and Dada Bhai CC was played with the winner going on to the semi final. Bhattay CC made 104. The game went into the final over with Dada Bhai needing 7 runs with 3 wickets intact. Captain Yakub Moldera took 2 wickets on consecutive balls and set the stage for a dramatic finish with one ball and 2 runs to win. The batsman offered no stroke to the final ball, assuming a wide would be called. When the umpire failed to signal a wide, Bhattay CC won by 2 runs and entered a place in the semi final.

PERU

Life in Lima continues unabated, the cricket season has reached its climax and everyone can give themselves a big slap on the back if they can reach around after so much cricket in the last three weeks.

The second 20/20 Lima Super Sunday Festival came to a close and all manner of cricket was witnessed, from outrageously one-sided, ringer-infested jamborees to tighter-than-tight finishes with appallingly low scores, countless dropped catches, some excellent fielding and

48 people taking part in what has become an important fixture in the Lima calendar. Over three weekends part-time footie players aka the Kiteflyers, the highfalutin "Lima Cricket and Football Club", the impeccable Indians and Southern Continent contingency – also known as the Boyband "Chak De", and the felt-capped cricketers Eidgeonossen, battled in mortal combat to decide who should be crowned glorious champions.

Come the final day, the Fellowship team of Eidgeonossen needed to beat the underdogs LCFC to claim the trophy that had belonged to the Kiteflyers last year. And so they did – Lima, under-firing, under-performing, under-catching, under everything really (skip was under his duvet apparently) ...Eids rung up 200 runs, a tournament record, with Nick Appleyard making hay and one incredibly long six.

Afterwards, the players congregated for a delicious BBQ, to watch John Bell receive the tournament trophy for Eidgeonossen - Atul and Prabhu, Bowler and Batsman of the tourney respectively. Prabhu received Player of the Tournament. Well done everyone.

Sadly no Easter Internationals took place, mainly because of its earliness and the recent shenanigans in Argentina. Just two important fixtures on the horizon: Ambo's 11 versus Lima All-stars, plus India-Pakistan versus ROW.

TURKS & CAICOS

Police beat Caribbean Cavaliers as Provo cricket continues

Police beat Caribbean Cavaliers by 41 runs as the 20/20 cricket league run by the Providenciales Cricket Association continued at the Downtown Ball Park. Police amassed 203 for seven from their quota of overs. Gavin Bruno led the way with 73. For the Cavaliers, John Dolphin claimed four wickets for 42 runs. In reply, Cavaliers were dismissed for 162 in 19.4 overs.

USA

PSAL Cricket Program – 2008

It is official – the first **legitimate** School Cricket Program in the United States. On April 2, 2008 when the first ball was bowled in the cricket match between Newcomers High School and John Adams High School, it became official that the first legitimate School Cricket Program in the United States got underway. The students in New York City public schools demanded it (cricket) and the Public School Athletic League (PSAL) officials responded in kind.

The landscape for cricket in America will forever change, for the better, because of the New York City PSAL Cricket Program. A better script could not have been written for cricket in American schools. One of the most amazing parts of the PSAL schools cricket program is the fact that both coaches for the Newcomers HS and John Adams HS match have made the transition from basketball

coach and soccer coach respectively. These coaches may not be true “cricket coaches”, however they are bringing their expertise in sports management to the game of cricket – something that is much needed.

Currently there are 14 high schools participating in the program. A massive expansion of the program is targeted for 2009 involving several more high schools and middle schools. You can learn more about the PSAL at www.psal.org



Opening batsmen in the PSAL competition.

USA Cricket Association re-recognized by ICC

The ICC has announced that it is re-recognizing the United States of America Cricket Association (USACA) as an Associate member of the organization with immediate effect.

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NEW TERRITORIES EL SALVADOR

The long talked about cricket nets at the ABC School are now completed. El Salvador Cricket (ESC) will have open access to them in the evenings and weekends.

Inaugural Easter Cup (Central America)

Nicaragua acted as hosts, while visitors El Salvador and Costa Rica made up the Tri-Nations tournament. It is El Salvador's second international tournament after their encouraging participation in the C.A. Championship last November and the first time in a long while (possibly ever) that Nicaragua participated in an international cricket event. All teams hope this will be the first of many Easter Cups. The games were played out in the beautiful town of Granada.

Cricket is gaining momentum in Central America and it will be tournaments like this that pave the way for further growth.

We thank the following for their contributions this month:
Gary Savage (Argentina);
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