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ICC Americas Newsflash

Second Americas Women's Championship

Americas second Women's Championship is in the final stages of preparation. The location will be South Florida starting May 17th. This year two countries will compete for the first time- Brazil and the USA. The Trinidad & Tobago Women's Cricket Board has kindly agreed to send a Youth XI which will provide stiff opposition for the developing teams of the Americas. Defending Champion Canada has prepared by touring and training in Trinidad for the past two seasons. Bermuda now has the experience of playing in a Global tournament as they represented the region at the Women's World Cup Qualifier. South American rivals Argentina and Brazil have exchanged two series in the past years. With their large selection of ex- Caribbean players the team from the USA will have no problem with International experience and indeed looking at the squads on paper it is easy to understand why they should be considered to be the favorites to take the Americas crown.

The tournament will be divided into two sections. The first will be a series of T20 games to determine a T20 champion. The second half of the week will see the top three teams compete for the championship with the two top teams qualifying to play a three game series in 2010 to determine the region's representative to the next Women's world cup qualifier.

Meet the skippers (Left) Joanne White (Canada) (Centre) Terry Lyn Paynter (Bermuda) (Right) Erika Riberiro (Brazil) and Catalina Greloni (Argentina)



CANADA QUALIFIES FOR 2011 WORLD CUP-Canada qualified for their third consecutive World Cup by placing second at the CWCQ in South Africa. The Region's other entry- Bermuda was not as fortunate despite a very strong finish they could only manage a 9th place finish. While remaining in the High Performance program by missing out on the top six spots Bermuda will no longer have ODI status. The order of finish- Ireland (1), Canada (2) Netherlands (3) Kenya (4) top four qualify for 2011 CWC, Afghanistan (5) Scotland (6) top six ODI status, UAE (7), Namibia (8) Bermuda (9) Uganda (10). David Hemp, Bermuda lead all batsmen with 557 runs including three centuries. Stephen Outerbridge was also in the top ten with 365 runs. For Canada Geoff Barnett with 351 runs (1) century was their top batsman. Rodney Trott (Bermuda) with 14 wickets at 17.28 was fourth overall while his team mate Dwayne Leverock was one of the most economical bowlers with an average of 3.40.





Bermuda

National Coach, Gus Logie Retires from Bermuda Cricket

The Bermuda Cricket Board can confirm that Gus Logie, National Coach for the Bermuda Team, has informed the Board that once his contract expires in September, 2009, he will not be seeking a renewal.

During his tenure some of Gus' highlights include:

- Bermuda's historic qualification to the ICC World Cup in July 2005 when Bermuda became the smallest country ever to qualify;
- in 2005, Gus led Bermuda to the semi-finals of the Intercontinental Cup;
- in 2006 Bermuda won the Americas Regional 50 Overs Championship;
- in 2006 Bermuda won it's first ODI - one of only four countries to achieve this;
- in 2008 Bermuda won their first ever ODI series against Canada; and
- in 2007 Gus assisted the U19 team in the qualification for the ICC U19 World Cup.

U19 National Team - Elite Easter Camp

Under the guidance of Head Coach, Andre Manders, Assistance Coach, Cleve Wade and Terry Fray, U19 Director, the U19 National Squad has recently taken part in an U19 Elite Easter Training Camp. During the week the players had regular skill based training, personal fitness training with trainer Mushin Nasir and spinning sessions with Bertha Griffin. The team took part in lessons in Thai Chi with the Chinese Healing Arts Centre to improve their balance and concentration and attended workshops on the World Anti-Doping Drug Association (WADA) Code with B.C.D.S, Nutritional Education classes and had regular team building exercises. Each afternoon they finished the day by

BERMUDA CRICKET BOARD— U13 National Team Trials & Skills Day.

The BCB invited all U13 players to attend a special trials and skills day on April 25th at the National Sports Centre. This is just one of many programs run by the BCB at the grassroots level . The U6 & U8 leagues is another project that shows the BCB is serious of building from the bottom. These programs form a structured pathway to the U15 , U19 and eventually the Senior team . They are among the best in any cricketing country and by far the best in the region.

Brazil

8th South American Championship hosted by the Brazilian Cricket Association. Argentina "A" captured the tournament making it six times for the squad from Argentina. Brazil, Chile and Peru followed in that order. Thanks should go to the Brazilian Cricket Association and the Sao Paulo Athletic Club for hosting the event.

The 9th SAC is scheduled to be hosted by Chile in Vina del Mar , 2011



Bahamas

U19 CAMP

The BCA held an U19 camp on April 13-17 as they prepare for their second appearance in the Americas U19 Tournament to be held later this Year in Toronto. Twenty one players were invited to camp where they underwent physical training, field placement, and motivation classes.

League Play

The BCA league started in April with the Eather William Thompson knock out classic. During his life Fr.Thompson was an advocate for young cricket players He maintained that not every child could be a basketball, football or soccer star to play in the majors but all should be able to play cricket locally.

Turf Wicket.

After 15 months of rehabilitation the new relayed turf wicket at Haynes Oval has been declared fit to play.

Chile

Chile finishes second in the 8th South American Championship.

Chile had another strong showing at the South American Championship in Sao Paulo, Brazil winning two out of three. Chile Captain Guy Hooper took the batsmen of the tournament award with 105 runs in three matches. Ian Walker was awarded Man of the Match for his 42 vs. Brazil and Prateek Dahiya who was awarded Man of the Match for 53 runs and two wickets vs. Peru. Christian Eyzaguirre, Tommy Dawes and Tristan Bradbrook, all of the Chile U19 squad made their debuts for Chile and played extremely well. Thanks to the Brazil Cricket for an excellent tournament. Chile will be hosting the 9th South American Championships in Viña del Mar in 2011. We look forward to seeing you there!



Mike Kidson vs Argentina "A"



Team Chile at the 8th SAC

Chile Under 19s host Falkland Island Cricket Association Under 19s

The Chilean U19 team won their first ever international game with an emphatic 200-run victory over the Falkland Islands. The team, led by Cristián Eyzaguirre, managed 262 runs in their 40 overs before bowling out the opposition for 62. The stand-out batsmen were Alejandro Flores (38), Tristan Bradbrook (32), Cristián Eyzaguirre (44), Tommy Dawes (39) and Cristobal Castillo (43). The most impressive bowling came from Phillip Marriott, who claimed 3 wickets for 7 runs. A total of three matches were played with Chile sweeping the series.

ACC Launch Ambitious Development Program

On Friday April 17th, ACC volunteer coaches Miguel Angel Hernández and Cristian Barrales launched an ambitious schools program which could change the shape of cricket development in Chile. The program, run in the Southern district of Lonquén, involves three local state schools and one under-privileged housing community. Forty-five players, boys and girls aged between 13 and 15, are transported to the ground each week and given four hours of coaching, under the guidance of four qualified ACC coaches. Once the program is in full swing, inter-school games will be organised between the participating institutions, as well as against some of the more established cricket playing schools in Chile. Such was the popularity of the program that an initial sign up of 135 youngsters was received, with only 45 making the final cut. Cricket Pingüino sessions were also added as a response to the requests from the younger students from the same schools, and will be run by coach Barrales on Thursday afternoons. If the program in Lonquén is successful, it will provide a model for similar development projects to be run in other parts of Santiago and in the Regions.

ARGENTINA Barton bound for New Zealand (Cricket Europe– Argentina)

Argentina national coach and player, Hamish Barton, will be leaving for New Zealand at the end of April to take up the position of National Coach Development Manager with Cricket New Zealand. Barton will be leaving Buenos Aires after almost five years at the helm of the Argentine national team, and his new job in New Zealand will focus on the development of NZ cricket coaches at all levels, from grassroots level right up to national elite coaches.

Barton, who arrived in Argentina on the recommendation of the previous coach and fellow Kiwi, Mike Hesson, has been instrumental in putting Argentina, as a playing nation, on the cricket map, especially with their sensational performance at the WCL Division 3 tournament in Darwin, Australia in 2007. At this event Argentina stunned the cricket world by finishing second to Uganda, and gaining promotion to Division 2. Although life in Division 2 proved tough, and was short-lived, Barton had certainly succeeded in taking the South American country to the forefront of the world's imagination...something Afghanistan have done to even better effect in recent months.



"The four and a half years in Argentina have been an incredible experience, and invaluable in terms of my development as a coach and a person," Barton reflected. "Although it's naturally sad to be leaving Argentina, I am obviously honored to have been offered this role by New Zealand Cricket and am looking forward to getting stuck in and assisting to develop quality cricket coaches in New Zealand. It's also a fantastic

North clinch women's T20 thriller

Last Sunday, the North came out on top in the women's North v South T20 played at Quilmes in a nail-biter, reaching the target in the very last ball of the game.

After winning the toss the North decided to field first in the T20 match played yesterday. The south got off to a shaky start, losing a couple of quick wickets, but bounced back thanks to a great partnership of 90 runs between captain Cecilia Birnie (50*) and Georgina Retamales (16) to close their allotted 20 overs reaching a respectable 100 runs for the loss of 4 wickets.

In reply, the North didn't start as they had wished, also losing two quick wickets. After this, experienced Delfina Canton (21) and captain Catalina Greloni (31*) steadied the ship, and seemed to be guiding the North to a comfortable victory. But the South fought back, and thanks to Sofia Bruno (4-0-12-2) and Sofia Retamales (4-0-21-2) got right back into the game.

It all boiled down to the last over with the North needing 4 runs. It was rookie Emilia Rosada who was charged with the responsibility...and she did a great job. She took the game to the very last ball, with the North still needing one run, but unfortunately she bowled a wide, which

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THE METROPOLITAN CUP FINAL

The Metropolitan Cup Final was played between the La Dehesa Cricket Club and the Santiago Cricket Club at the Craighouse Feild.

La Dehesa won the toss and elected to field Santiago CC 294 for 2 after 35 overs Shalders 184*, Fecci 50*, Bradbrook 34 Boreley 7-0-56-1, Adams 5-0-49-1 La Dehesa CC 130 for 10 after 34 overs Dowling 29, Boreley 30 Fecci 6-2-19-2, Bradbrook 6-1-12-0, Scargbrough 7-0-29-2 **Santiago wins by 164 runs !**



Good Luck—Suriname - Division 7 WCL

Sunday 17 May	Bahrain v Gibraltar	Suriname v Nigeria	Guernsey v Japan
Monday 18 May	Japan v Nigeria	Gibraltar v Guernsey	Bahrain v Suriname
Tuesday 19 May	<i>Rest/Reserve Day</i>		
Wednesday 20 May	Guernsey v Bahrain	Suriname v Japan	Nigeria v Gibraltar
Thursday 21 May	Gibraltar v Suriname	Japan v Bahrain	Nigeria v Guernsey
Friday 22 May	<i>Rest/Reserve Day</i>		
Saturday 23 May	Suriname v Guernsey	Bahrain v Nigeria	Gibraltar v Japan
Sunday 24 May	Final	3rd-4th Place Play-off	5th-6th Place Play-off

Costa Rica

PANAMA WIN CENTRAL AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Panama clinched their first ever Central American Championship title in San Jose, Costa Rica, after securing a comfortable victory over El Salvador at Los Reyes Polo Club. Taking no chances, Panama elected to bat first and raced to a daunting 191 for 3 in their 20 overs. El Salvador were never going to threaten that score, and ended on a brave and defiant 42 for 8, thus victory for Panama by 149 runs.

The big game really was between Belize and Mexico, both teams looking for second place overall, and it was the Mexicans who caused something of an upset by beating their more fancied opponents by 8 runs in a tight contest. Mexico batted brilliantly to reach 158 for 2 in 20 overs, and although Belize always threatened to sneak home, some tight bowling at the death saw Mexico home.

All in all, a memorable event, played at a beautiful venue at Los Reyes Polo Club. The Costa Rica Cricket Association, and in particular their hard-working President, Mr. Richard Illingworth, and his volunteer team, can be justifiably proud of having hosted an outstanding tournament.

Yet to be confirmed, but it looks like the 4th Central American Championship will take place in Panama in 2011.

Individual prize-winners were:

- Player of the Tournament: Arunesh Verma (Mexico)
- Final Placings:
- Best Batsman: Shane Catford (Costa Rica)
- Best Bowler: Irfan Tarajia (Panama)
- Spirit of Cricket Award (Richard Illingworth Award): Sam Arthur (Costa Rica)

Final Table:

1. PANAMA	4	4	0	0	16
2. MEXICO	4	3	1	0	12
3. BELIZE	4	2	2	0	8
4. COSTA RICA	4	1	3	0	4
5. EL SALVADOR	4	0	4	0	0

Panama 2009 Champs CAC



Captains of the teams



Mexico

The Mexico cricket team did the country proud by finishing second ahead of experienced teams like Belize in the recently completed Central American Championship..

The MCA is looking forward to hosting the Houston Cricket Club as the annual tradition continues with two games scheduled .The Annual Gale ball will be held to raise much needed funds as part of the weekend visit by the Club from the USA.

Suriname



R. Narine (President SCB) with Nieuwegein Captain

Nieuwegein Cricket Club from the Netherlands visited Suriname in March. The team played two games in Paramaribo and one in Nickerie. The series was evenly split with the local opposition winning one, losing one and one game ended in a draw.

The Suriname Cricket Bond continues their close ties with the Guyana Cricket Board in an effort to develop local cricket. Suriname is currently preparing their squad for Division 7 of the World Cricket League scheduled for mid May.

USA



New logo for the United States of America Cricket Association

All in the first 100 days !!!!



President Obama took time out at the recent OAS meetings to get a lesson or two from Brian Lara as to how to use a cricket bat

2009 Lauderhill MAQ T20 International Night Cricket Final

Team Jamaica takes Lauderhill Night Cricket Title



Team Jamaica with the trophy and of course their prize winning cheque.

Jamaica defeated Trinidad by 7 wickets to capture the 2009 Lauderhill MAQ T20 International Night Cricket Title.

This was the 7th year for the Lauderhill event held annually at the Lauderhill Sports Park.

Another large crowd turned out for the final played April 25th. Trinidad batted first and scored 136/7 in 20 overs. Jamaica passed the score with 9 balls remaining having lost only 3 wickets.

Sunil Mittoo of Team Jamaica was named MVP of the series.



Catch the spirit.. President Obama did !

Upcoming Events

May- Belize vs UWI series of matches

May- Falkland Islands-South Atlantic Ashes

