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USACA in continuing to strengthen its organizational effectiveness will engage an Administrative Assistant based in Los Angeles to assist with the transactional affairs of the organisation and render it more responsive to its stakeholders. The position will operate out of the office of the President Dr. Rai.

USACA has received official sanction by the ICC to stage a series of exhibition matches involving players to be released from Full Members. The approval, which was

granted a few days ago, represents a major step for cricket development in the USA. However due to the short term frame, the proposed matches will now be played next year – May 24, 25 and 26 May, 2003. The matches will be played in Los Angeles, and any funds generated will be used to fast track youth development of the sport across the USA.

Winning the Americas Championship has been very good news for USACA and several plans are in place to build the success to move the game forward across the country at all levels. One of the more positive effects has been the willingness of local communities in places such as New Jersey and Florida to embark upon the construction of appropriate cricketing facilities with a view to the hosting of international matches and matches involving famous cricketers.

Bermuda Cricket Board is in the process of restructuring its cricket competition format in an effort to make the games more competitive and bring the best talent to the attention of the regional selectors as well as make it more entertaining for the spectators. Some of the key changes include the formation of a Premier and Division, each having 8 teams with promotion and relegation between those

senior division as well as the introduction of a bonus points system.

Costa Rica & Colombia journey to Panama on April 19 to participate in a Tri-Nations Championship. Both Panama and Coast a Rica are using the championship as a build up to the Western Caribbean Classic which taken place in August. It has been reported that the Costa Rica team has been undergoing serious preparation, and their leading player Daniel Wilmot has been featuring with both the bat and ball in the warm up matches.

MEETINGS

CCAM General and Development Seminar:

The Cricket Council of The Americas General Meeting and Development Seminar takes places April 26-28 in Miami, Florida. A member of key matters will be discussed including:

- Country specific development strategies
- Intra-regional tour programs
- Coach and umpire education and certification as per the new curricula
- Regional funding
- Country specific high performance programs
- ICC initiatives

COMPETITIONS

Americas 2002 Championships:

The Americas Championship was the most prestigious cricket tournament to be held in Argentina. Major Sergio Groupierre; Argentine Minister of Sports was present. USA won the competition and

TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	Pts	NRR
1 United States	4	4	0	0	1	8 1.24
2 Canada	4	3	1	0	1	7 0.42
3 Cayman Islands	4	3	1	0	1	7 1.48
4 Bermuda	4	1	3	0	1	3 -0.29
5 Bahamas	4	1	3	0	1	3 -1.88
6 Argentina	4	0	4	0	1	1 -0.77

Belize

Wicked Eleven And Surprise lead Harrison Parks National Cricket Competition:

Wicked Eleven of Flowers Bank Villages and Surprise of Lemonal have each won five games and amassed ten points to emerge at the top of the standings in the first round of the Harrison Parks National Cricket competition being played in Belize. Surprise have played six games with one loss. Surprise Andrew Banner took 3 wickets to hold Taliban to 68 runs all out despite a creditable effort by Gareth Banner for 21 runs. The Surprise batsmen had no trouble equalling that score as Llewellyn Sutherland batted 26 runs for the Surprise Eleven to score 69 runs for two wickets!

Brilliant's bowlers Perr Tillett and Kevin Tillitt took 4 wickets each, but could not stop Kenneth Hendy from batting 42 runs to lead Wicked Eleven to a 121 run. In Brilliant's turn at bat, Kevin Flowers and Troy Rhaburn also took four wickets each to hold the Crooked Tree eleven to a 67 run score even as Kevin Tillett batted 26 runs.

Anthrax bowler Ornel Nicholas took 4 wickets as Brian Cassasola batted 40 runs to lead United to a 133 run score all out. Anthrax had no trouble equaling this score. Allan Terry batted 30 runs and eight wickets had fallen when Anthrax scored 147 runs for the win. United's bowlers Kenroy Roca and Emmanuel McFadzean each took 3 wickets.

Western Eagles' Andrew Perez took 5 wickets as Glickstein Bennett batted 41 runs to lead Sunrise of Lords Bank to a 95 run score all out. George Pook batted 38 runs as Western Eagles equalled this score and made 97 runs for 9 wickets.

The second round of the competition will commence on April 6. The present standings are as follows:

Zone One

Team	Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Total
Surprise	6	5	1	0	10
Sunrise	5	4	1	0	8
Taliban	5	3	2	0	6
Anthrax	5	3	2	0	6
United	5	2	3	0	4
Western Eagles	5	1	4	0	2
Berlan	5	0	5	0	0

The opening bowling pair of Phillips and Farr restricted the Governors XII to 25 for 4 off the first 10 overs. The CBFFI XII continued to bowl very tightly and continued to pick up wickets, but for the consistent batting of Bingham the Governors XII would have fallen short of the previous lowest score of 63 runs. The Governors XII were eventually All Out for 77 runs in 26 overs. Mike Bingham top scored on 35 runs (second highest score by a batsman in the ashes matches) and Mike Barton scored 11 runs.



A photo of CBFFI XII (left) and Governors XII (right).

Zone Two

Team	Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Total
Wicked Eleven	5		0	0	10
Brilliant	5	4	1	0	8
Long Journey	5	4	1	0	8

COACHING

Rupert Gomes, former Guyana and Holland player, recently concluded a coaching stint in Belize for the Belize National Cricket Association. It was well received and represented the first such session undertaken in Belize for quite a few years. The Belize Association is in the process of recruiting a Development Officer (National Coach) with the assistance of a number of parties in the country with the expressed view of harnessing the natural talent present in the country. The Association has commenced training for the Americas Under 15 and Western Caribbean Classic tournaments over the summer.

- Several cities in the North America have commenced Introductory Programs to juniors, as well as several student teachers

Falkland Islands Cricket Association:

Falkland Islands held a South Sea Ashes Cricket Match, which took place at the Mount Pleasant Oval Cricket Ground on 17th March. This match is the high point of the Cricket Season in the Falkland Islands and it was played in cold sunny / showery conditions between the Governors XII (Falkland Islands Cricket Association team) and the CBFFI XII. (British Armed Forces Team).

The CBFFI team won the toss elected to bowl.

at the University of Toronto undertook a research study into the game.

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