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**ICC Trophy 2005 Host Agreement signed in Ireland**

ICC President Ehsan Mani and ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed today signed the Host Agreement for the ICC Trophy 2005 in Ireland.

The eighth ICC Trophy will be centred around Belfast and Dublin in July 2005 and Mr. Mani and Mr. Speed visited both cities today to sign the agreement and receive a briefing on the preparations for the 12-team event. Mr. Mani said that he was very pleased that the Irish Cricket Union (ICU) was planning to host matches in both centers. "Throughout its history, the ICU has operated as a unified body and I am delighted that matches will be staged in both the north and south of the island," said Mr. Mani.

"This tournament will leave a positive legacy for cricket in Ireland as it will raise the profile of the game and assist in the development of better facilities for practicing, playing and watching the sport. The ICC Trophy in 2005 will have more at stake for the 12 participating nations than ever before. There will be five places at the next ICC Cricket World Cup in the West Indies available to the competing teams. This is two more than in 2003 and a clear reflection of both the ICC's commitment to spreading the game and the improved performances of the developing nations at the last ICC Cricket World Cup."

The ICU has received significant support from the clubs, provincial unions and government, both north and south of the border, in its preparations. As well as local cricket officials, Mr. Mani and Mr. Speed met with the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, John O'Donoghue, in Dublin and the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure, Aideen McGinley, in Belfast.

"The ICC Trophy is a prestigious event and this is a momentous day in the ICU's history," said ICU Chairman Joe Doherty. "A lot of hard work has already been put in to get us this far and we now look forward to tackling the remaining stages of preparation and welcoming teams from all corners of the cricket world."

The ICC Trophy is part of an international tournament structure that provides a pathway to the elite level of competition for almost all of the ICC's 89 member countries. This begins with regional tournaments taking place throughout 2004 and will climax with the ICC Cricket World Cup in the West Indies in 2007.

The last ICC Trophy was held in Canada in 2001 with Holland emerging victorious in a tense final against Namibia. Former winners of the ICC Trophy include Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh.

**Regional Development Officer (RDO)**



ICC Americas is pleased to announce that Grant Dugmore has assumed the RDO's position on a full time basis effective April 1, 2004. Grant had previously shared his time with his position as CEO of the Argentina Cricket Association. He will continue to be based in Buenos Aires and will assume more responsibilities.

Early in May he will be in Pakistan making a presentation on behalf of the Americas Region at the Asian Cricket Council Seminar. On his return he will assist the RDM with the Development Forum and he is also the Event Manager for the WCQT Americas Associates in Bermuda. Later this year we hope to have a regional coaching course in Mexico. These events will all be in addition to duties of

assisting the Affiliate members of the region with their development requirements.

Grant did an outstanding job in his part time position so it is natural to expect even better things now that he is full time – a first for our region. I know you will all wish him well and give him your support.  
Good luck Grant.

### Development Forum

Plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Americas Development Forum are progressing smoothly. The Conference is expected to be well attended. The location, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is the same as the region's first International Match between USA and Canada.

The Conference will take place May 29-30, 2004. All Associates and Affiliates of the region were invited and representatives from the WICB (Full Member) will also attend.

The City of Lauderdale in Florida is extremely delighted that USACA and ICC Americas chose this location to host these events. They have kindly arranged many events for both the players of the teams and the delegates and will hold a welcoming reception on Friday night, May 28<sup>th</sup> to show their appreciation.

### Intercontinental Cup



Canada and the USA will resume the world's oldest sporting event when they clash on May 28-30, 2004 in Florida for the first Intercontinental Match of the region.

The first ever Canada vs USA match was played in New York in 1844 and it is reported to be the world's oldest International Sporting Event, preceding the Americas Yacht Cup by several years.

Since its inception the annual match has been played 69 times with the USA holding a five game winning advantage over Canada (32-27). Ten of the games ended in a draw.

The winner of the annual game is awarded the K.A. Auty Trophy, named after Karl Andre Auty, an Englishman who lived in both Canada and the USA and played cricket in both countries.

While no one is suggesting that this match is a renewal of the Auty Trophy series, it is

generating a great deal of interest. It is almost 10 years since the two countries met on North American soil to contest their bragging rights.

Team USA squad of 12 is unchanged from the team that won the Six Nations Challenge in UAE.

Team Canada will have several changes in their squad, with the most notable being World Cup hero Jon Davison as skipper for the first time.



### Argentina

The 1<sup>st</sup> Division final was played on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Hurlingham Club between the host club Hurlingham Hawks and the Lomas Eagles. The Hurlingham Hawks won the toss and elected to bowl first and managed to restrict the Lomas Eagles to 186 all out in their allotted 50 overs.

Malcolm Gibson top scored with 75 and was well supported by David Mauro (20) and Sergio Ciaburri (32). Derek Culley was the best Hurlingham bowler with 9-1-32-4 (including a fantastic catch at point to dismiss the Lomas captain). Malcolm van Steeden returned impressive figures of 10-2-27-2.

The Hurlingham Hawks started their chase in poor fashion losing their openers early. At one point the score stood on 100/8 with 16 overs to go. Derek Culley (45) was then joined by the Hurlingham captain Nico Ulivi (27) and put on 53 runs for the eighth wicket, raising the home team and spectators' hopes that victory was still possible. However the Lomas Eagles eventually ran out winners by 27 runs. Bill McDermott kept his cool and captained the side excellently, managing to return superb figures of 10-2-21-3. He was well supported by Paul Ryan 10-1-39-2.

An Argentine schools XI side will be travelling to Santiago de Chile on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> on a 6 day tour where they will play 3 matches against a Chilean Schools team. The team will be accompanied by Malcolm van Steeden (Coach) and Gary Savage (Manager). Watch this space next month for the tour report.

Argentina will also be hosting the Old Colegians XI (Australia) for a short visit. They will be playing two games on Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>, against an Argentine Invitation XI at the Hurlingham Club.

## **Belize**

The Belize national cricket team easily trashed a visiting team from Mexico City in three matches the first weekend in May.

On Saturday in Lords Bank, the visitors batted first and were swiftly all out for only 30 runs in just 13 overs. Belize's bowling was led by Jason Broaster who took 5 wickets for 15 runs in 6 overs, and Kevin "Uzi" Flowers who took 4 wickets for 15 runs in 7 overs.

In Belize's innings, Conway Young's 22 runs and Winston Flowers' 7 runs (along with 2 byes) were all Belize needed to catch and pass the visitors in a mere 4 overs, and in just 22 minutes before the wickets.

Since the match had been so short, the teams decided to play a second 20-overs "exhibition" match on Saturday afternoon, and this time the visitors got to see some more of Belize's batsmen. At the end of 20 overs, Belize had lost 4 wickets but had compiled 154 runs. In their innings the visitors had lost 8 wickets but had managed to score 73 runs.

On Sunday in Bermudian Landing, the visitors requested that they play an "all day" game, where the teams bat until they are all out. They were hoping that Belize, who would bat first, would be all out with a reasonable score and then they would "play down" in their innings, hoping that darkness would force a draw.

Again their hopes were dashed. Belize put up 242 runs in 32 overs with several wickets to spare before declaring. Conway Young was again brilliant before the stumps with 51 runs, and was joined by Lionel Rhaburn's 50.

The visitors did "play down", parrying the Belize bowling to the tune of 94 runs but alas, after 47 overs and an hour and a half before sunset, they were all out.

Mykelt Anthony was declared "Man of the Match" for taking 4 wickets whilst only conceding 13 runs, and for scoring 44 runs.

The visiting team, comprised mostly of players drawn from the staff of Mexico's diplomatic corps, declared themselves suitably impressed with Belize's cricketing prowess and hospitality before departing.

## **Bermuda**

### **BCB Kicks off 2004 Youth Program with the XL Foundation Ltd. Youth Cricket Development Day**

The Bermuda Cricket Board (BCB) recently announced another program aimed at encouraging participation of Bermuda youths in local cricket. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the Police

field, the XL Foundation Ltd. Youth Cricket Development Day provided an introduction to all primary and middle school students between the ages of 7 to 15 years old to the game of cricket. The aim of the XL Foundation Development Day is to introduce youths to the joys of the game in a safe and structured environment. The children will have an opportunity to be involved in batting, bowling and fielding drills as well as playing some minor games.

### **BCB applauds performance of Stefan Kelly at Oakham**

The Bermuda Cricket Board applauded today the academic and cricketing performance of its athlete on scholarship, Stefan Kelly. Stefan was awarded a full scholarship to attend the prestigious independent school Oakham, in Rutland England in April 2003 for a 2 ½ year period.

Reginald Pearman, President of the BCB noted: "The Board have pursued a theme of linking academic excellence and outstanding deportment with cricketing abilities. Many of the lessons of life can be learnt through the game of cricket and the Board actively promotes the grooming of model citizens for the country, not just players with cricketing skills."

Bank of Bermuda foundation Director & Secretary, David Lang said: "We are very pleased with Stefan's academic and cricketing progress to date. He has represented Bermuda proudly and is an excellent role model for other young people who aspire to reach high levels of sporting and educational excellence. We look forward to a continued relationship with the Bermuda Cricket Board as they strive to provide developmental opportunities for our young people and the sport of cricket."

### **Lloyd's to compete against Bermuda for the Catlin Trophy**

The BCB recently announced the forthcoming tour of Lloyd's Cricket Club from June 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. The 10-day tour will include a match against the National Senior Team on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>. The touring team will play additional games against a BCB Board XI, a BCB Development XI and the Legtrappers CC, the last two of which will be played as day/night games during the week.

Lloyd's CC has records dating back to 1922 and a playing history that includes games that have featured English Test cricketers including Sir Gubby Allen, Peter May, Brian Valentine and the legendary Sir Colin Cowdrey. For this tour of Bermuda, Lloyd's will be represented by a number of players with first class cricket experience including County, County Second XI and England U19s that will provide a host of

exciting and competitive cricket for the Bermuda public.

The BCB are gearing up the National Squad in preparation for a busy 2004 season that is highlighted by the hosting of the World Cup Qualifying ICC Americas Regional Tournament in Bermuda, scheduled from July 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The top 3 teams from that tournament automatically qualify for the 12-team ICC Trophy in Ireland in 2005 that decides which Association nations are represented in the Cricket World Cup, to be held in the West Indies in 2007.

## Chile

### Chile U13s Ready to Rise to Argentine Challenge

After two months of intensive training, the squad of fifteen young players chosen to represent Chile at the U13 level are now fully prepared for the visit by their Argentine counterparts.

The two sides are scheduled to face each other in a three-match series hosted by Chile over the third week in May. This will be the first time that the two countries have ever played each other at this level and, with all players having shown tremendous aptitude for the hardball game, the stage is set for a compelling encounter.

The first game, to be held at The Grange School on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be yet another milestone for the ACC and the tour concludes what has been a momentous season for cricket development in Chile.

### GasValpo Cup Plans Unveiled

Following on from the recent legalization of Vina del Mar Cricket Club, employees at GasValpo have announced their intentions to host the GasValpo Cup over the coming weeks. The triangular tournament will culminate with the final being played between either Renaca or Vina and an Invitation XI from Santiago.

### Vina del Mar CC Legalized

The Asociacion Regional de Cricket for the Fifth Region became one step closer to reality as the all-Chilean team from Vina del Mar joined ranks with the long established Valparaiso Cricket Club as a legalized sporting club. It is now hoped that a recently formed team from Renaca can complete the trio of clubs required to form a regional association.

## Turks & Caicos Islands

### Grand Turk Island

As reported by Ralph Doughty, President of the Grand Turk Cricket Association, their series were affected very badly because of rain, therefore in an effort to keep the championship going they were forced to reschedule the affected games to weekdays (after working hours).

There are four teams in the Grand Turk competition playing each other twice. The two teams with the most wins play a final game to determine the winner.

First and second round matches will be played from February through April with the finals in early May.

Providenciales Cricket Association visits Grand Turk May 21<sup>st</sup> for the annual National Heroes Day Rubber Match.

All matches will be played at the parade ground in Grand Turk. The umpires at the end of the game will determine the player of the game.

## World Cup 2007

Two Associate member countries from our region have entered a bid to host World Cup 2007 games.



Mr. Lindell Nurse, Senior Partner of PWC in Barbados receiving Bermuda's bid documents sealed in a silver briefcase from Neil Speight, CFO, Bermuda Cricket Board.

Good luck and our support to the USA and Bermuda.

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