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This is the second year of the ICC Development Program Annual Awards (DPAA) which form part of the ICC's commitment to promoting excellence in cricket development. The awards recognize exceptional performance and service to the game in Associate and Affiliate Member countries.

In 2002, two global awards came to the Americas Region. The Argentina Cricket Association (ACA) collected the award for the Best Run National Association and Leona Ford (Cuba) won Volunteer of the Year Award.

“The ACA was extremely proud to have received the honour of being awarded the first ever Best Run National Association Award in 2002. This recognition from the sport's international governing body has meant a great deal to the Argentine cricket community, and continues to serve as an incentive for all of us to continue striving to improve in all spheres of cricket development here in Argentina”, said Ricardo Lord, President of the ACA.

The nominations are first received on a regional basis with the regional winners progressing to the global final.

There are a total of eight awards across a range of country and individual categories. Full details of the criteria, nomination process and an application form are available on the official ICC website at [www.awards.icc.cricket.org](http://www.awards.icc.cricket.org).

Nominations close on December 5, 2003 and regional winners will be announced on January 5, 2004. The global winners will be announced on February 2, 2004.

The list of award categories are as follows:

- *Best Overall Cricket Development Program*
- *Best Junior Cricket Initiative*
- *Best Women's Cricket Initiative*
- *Best Cricket Promotional Program*
- *Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative*
- *Flicx Community Development Award*
- *Volunteer of the Year*
- *Lifetime Service Award*  
(awarded in exceptional circumstances)

Application forms will be distributed throughout Associate and Affiliate Member countries. For further details of this year's awards and last year's winners, check the website above or alternatively contact the organizing committee below:

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### **Argentina**

Two Argentina players, batsman Charles Gibson and all-rounder Lucas Paterlini, took part in the recent **West Indies U19 Competition** held in Guyana. They were included in a Rest of the Americas squad, which was made up of boys from Argentina, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands.

These opportunities are vital for players from countries like Argentina, who are starved of a higher standard competition, and thus participation in these select teams, and playing in a high standard competition, benefits our players immensely.

The Argentine Cricket Association will be holding a “**National Cricket Development Forum**” at the Sheraton Hotel on Friday, September 5, 2003. The main topics will include Junior Development and Competition and Senior Player Pathways through local leagues to the senior national team.

Planning for the first **Carcamanes Cricket Festival**, a festival tournament for teams including players of 40 years of age and/or older, is making steady progress. At present, 9 teams have confirmed their participation in the event, to be held from February 28 to March 5, 2004, in Buenos Aires. Together with the 2 local teams taking part brings the total number of teams participating to 11, with more confirmations pending.

An enterprising initiative will see the Argentine Cricket Association join forces with the Natal Midlands of South Africa to undertake a **Combined two week Tour of Cape Town, South Africa**, in December 2003. The squad

will be made up of seven selected players from Argentina, ranging in ages from 17 to 23, along with seven U19 players from the Natal Midlands area in Kwazulu-Natal province. The combined team will play seven matches against quality U19 opposition in the Cape Town area, as well as watching some first-class cricket and receiving training from top local coaches. The squad will be co-managed and coached by recent Argentina U19 coach, South African Chris Anderson.

**Derek Culley** has been appointed **Manager of the Senior National Team**, to include all tournaments for the senior side during the next two years as an initial phase. Culley was most recently manager of the Argentina U19 team that participated in the Americas U19 tournament in Toronto. He is still an active player for his club, Hurlingham, and represented the Argentina national team for many years, including various ICC Trophy competitions. He is also a current member of the Argentina Cricket Association Executive committee, and further serves on the National Selection Panel.

### **Bahamas**

The Bahamas Cricket Association embarked on a cricket tour to the United Kingdom to play a series of matches against teams from North & South Wales from July 25 – August 12, 2003. The team was managed by Irvin Taylor and arrived in Swansea to a bit of cold weather. The first game scheduled against Pembroke County was cancelled due to the ground being flooded from rain before they arrived.

The first scheduled match was against South Wales Cricket Association at Pontardulais. South Wales won the toss and sent the Bahamas to bat on a sticky wicket. Bahamas scored a total of 154 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in 45 overs. Cleveland Davis top scored with 72 runs. South Wales replied with 155 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in 44.3 overs. Dwight Weakley took 4 wickets for 12 runs in 9 overs for the Bahamas. Greg Taylor, Secretary of the Bahamas Cricket Association reports "I must say that a bit of skullduggery took place against the Bahamas as our fast bowler Garcha Blair bowled at the last batsman and he could not find the ball – when he did, it was in his chest and throat. The umpire on seeing this called a no ball to win the match for South Wales".

The second match was against South Wales Premier League at Tondy. The Bahamas again was sent in to bat on a sticky wicket and made a total of 155 runs all out in 42.5 overs. Narendra Ekanayake top scored with 37 runs supported by Whitcliff Atkinson with 32 runs. South Wales responded with 157 runs in 43.5 overs. The Bahamas fielding was not up to standard thereby allowing the win for South Wales.

After losing the two games by a narrow margin, the team traveled to North Wales and played against an Association 11 at Northop Hall on August 5. The host team won the toss and went in to bat. They scored 171 runs for the loss of 6 wickets in 50 overs. The Bahamas responded with 151 runs all out in 40.2 overs. Another loss.

Luck changed! The Bahamas played the fourth match against North Wales Premier League. The Bahamas won the toss and sent North Wales in to bat. They were all out for 135 runs in 49.4 overs. Garcha Blair took 3 wickets for 29 runs in 10 overs. The Bahamas responded with 138 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in 28.5 overs. Gregory Taylor and Andrew Ford secured the win for the Bahamas with some fine batting.

The next game was against Cheshire County. Bahamas won the toss, sent them in to bat and they made 212 runs for the loss of 4 wickets in 45 overs. Bahamas then batted with Dwight

Weakley and Cleveland Davis scoring 42 and 65 respectively. Bahamas was cruising to victory when all hell broke loose! The middle collapsed and it was a sure victory for the host side until Gregory Taylor Sr. arrived at the middle with 3 overs to go and needing 25 runs to win. Taylor quickly dispatched the fast bowler for three consecutive boundaries to the delight of the crowd at the oval. In the last over, last ball Andrew Ford sent the Australian fast bowler to the boundary for the winning run. Two wins in a row!

The team then moved to London where they were scheduled to play against Seven Oaks Vine CC but the match was cancelled due to the death of one of their players. Bahamas ended up with a 2-3 win loss record. The tour was deemed a success in terms of preparation for the upcoming Affiliates Tournament & Americas tournament.

### **Bermuda**

Without question the biggest sporting event in the Bermuda calendar is the annual **Cup Match Classic**. At the heart of this national festival is a cricket match played between club teams representing the west end of the island Somerset and the east end of the island St. George's.

The game was first played in 1902 to commemorate the abolition of slavery. It is played over a two-day public holiday in open format with two innings. Outstanding performances such as centuries, half-centuries and five wicket hauls are often well rewarded with cash.

Over the years, fans have been treated to some exciting cricket during this two-day spectacle. The game has produced many local heroes who have turned in some real individual performances. One of the greatest captains in Cup Match and a local sporting hero was Calvin "Bummy" Symonds who led his team to eight victories in his nine years as skipper. The man reputed to be the greatest bowler ever produced by this island was Clarence "Tuppence" Parfitt, a left-arm medium to slow bowler who played for St. George's in the annual Cup Match. Parfitt not only had the ability to mesmerize local

batsmen, but also had the same effect on foreign opposition. Parfitt ended his Cup Match career in 1981, by which time he had taken an incredible 115 wickets.

Arnold Manders is one of only three batsmen who have scored two centuries in Cup Match. Although the match today still attracts a big crowd, Bermudians who make their residence abroad usually return at Cup Match to enjoy the cricket and catch up with what is happening on the local scene. The folklore and traditions of Cup Match have been passed down through the generations and one imagines that the founders of the game would be proud to see the continuation of, what is in reality, important cultural touchstones for all Bermudians. There is nothing like Cup Match in Bermuda. Nothing like it in the world.

The 2003 Cup Match Classic between St. George's CC and Somerset CC ended in a draw.

### **Lara in Bermuda**

West Indies cricket captain Brian Lara stroked a sparkling half-century to help guide his Select team, which included six other players with Test experience, to a two-wicket victory over a Bermuda Select in the first day-night international match at the new National Sports Centre Ground on August 30th. Lara, who struck five fours in his 59, rescued his team from a precarious five for three by adding 111 for the fourth wicket with Bermudian guest player Philip Burgess (47) after the home team had been dismissed for 161 in the 37<sup>th</sup> over.

Trinidadian pacer Mervyn Dillon (3/21) and Barbadian newcomer Fidel Edwards (3/25) were two of the other test players appearing.

The Bermuda Select lost two early wickets but Oliver Pitcher steadied the innings with a fine knock of 41 before he was caught off the slow bowling of Lara, who picked up two for 39 in five overs.

Batting was never easy on a grassy pitch that offered pace and plenty of bounce but Lara, who came in at No.5, brought the crowd of around

3,000 to life under the floodlights with an innings full of his trademark cover drives, cuts and pulls that ended when he was caught on the long-off boundary off slow left-arm bowler Peter Philpott, who finished with four for 21 from eight overs.

Opening bowler Kevin Hurdle returned figures of three for 30 from his 10 overs.

Lara, whose team also included Courtney Browne, Ryan Hinds, Jerome Taylor and Omari Banks, was brought to Bermuda by the Eastern Counties Association which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this season.

Lara, making his first trip to Bermuda, said he wanted to repay the support given by Bermudians to the West Indies Test team, especially those who flock every year to Barbados and Antigua. He was mobbed when he turned up to sign autographs in Hamilton on the Friday and spent four hours on Sunday morning coaching youngsters.

Bermuda officials are hoping to stage a match when the next cricket World Cup is staged in the West Indies in 2007.

### **News in brief**

- Premier league champions Southampton Rangers crowned in title battle down to the last day.
- First Division champions Bailey's Bay promoted after being relegated last year
- Summer Clinics concluded on August 8<sup>th</sup>, capping off 5 weeks of coaching for youngsters from 7 to 15 years old in 4 camps across the island. Over 150 children attended this year.
- Bermuda sent 7 players and provided the Coach to the Rest of Americas team in the U19 WICB competition.
- Oakham school educational scholarship recipient Stefan Kelly returns to the 4<sup>th</sup> Form on August 30 after successfully completing his first term, achieving good grades and making great strides in his cricketing ability.
- The Cricketer of the Week program concluded in week 14, with players receiving

a certificate and cheque for \$100 throughout the season. The Cricketer of the Year will be announced at the Annual Sports Awards in February 2004.

- Barbados Select to tour Bermuda from September 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Canada

Ontario and Quebec battled for cricket supremacy of eastern Canada when they clashed for the Atholstan Trophy in a two-day game at Ross Lord Park in Toronto on Saturday/Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The contest goes back to 1936 when a handsome silver trophy was donated by media baron Sir Hugh Graham, the first Baron Atholstan of Huntingdon County.

Hugh Graham was born in Atholstan, Quebec on July 18, 1848 and passed away in London on January 28, 1938. His journalistic career began with “The Montreal Daily Telegraph” in 1863 and he moved to found “The Montreal Evening Star” in 1869. Graham was knighted by King Edward VII in 1908 and created a baron by King George V in 1917.

Ontario went for a new look team led by all-rounder Tony Russell of Ottawa. One interesting member of the Ontario line-up is right-hand batsman Don Maxwell who scored the highest innings in the history of Canadian cricket in 1990 when he made 280 not out for the York University Cricket Club against the Commonwealth Cricket Club in Toronto.

Quebec had to rely heavily on the efforts of international medium-pace bowler Ashish Patel who performed well for Canada in the 2003 World Cup in South Africa.

Over the years Ontario has won the Atholstan Trophy on 31 occasions and Quebec has been victorious on 15 occasions. There have been 8 draws.

In recent years the juniors of the two provinces also meet in two 50 over limit matches

### Scores

Juniors

(Game 1 - 50 overs)

Ontario won by 28 runs

Ontario 239/8 (H. Mir 59)

Quebec 211 (A. Bhatti 51, R. Tarar 43, A. Manjra 4/34)

(Game 2 – 50 overs)

Ontario won by 123 runs

Ontario 277 (A. Chaudhry 106\*, A. Manjra 51\*)

Quebec 154 (S. Sabir 47)

Atholstan Trophy (Seniors Ontario vs Quebec)  
(2-day game limit of 56 overs per innings)

Day 1. Quebec 164 (S. Dadeem 41, A. Patel 33\*, S. John 3/29, T. Russell 3/34)

Ontario 180/7 (A. Mulla 50, A.

Panchbaya 45)

(Ontario won by 3 wickets)

Day 2. Quebec 185 (H. Lawrence 79, Q. Ali 40, S. John 3/30)

Ontario 120/3 (A. Mulla 70)

Ontario wins the Atholstan Trophy on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings points.

### Cuban Cricket Commission

Cricket was represented at the annual celebration of August 1<sup>st</sup> Emancipation Day anniversary, traditionally celebrated by the WI and descendants of Baragua. This event is supported by the provincial and municipality governments of Ciego de Avila and Baragua respectively.

Guantanamo and Baragua Seniors played on the afternoon of the 31<sup>st</sup>. Although an exhibition, the host team won the game but the visitors had traveled all night and were obviously tired, nevertheless they fulfilled their objective to join this cultural event featuring Caribbean food, music, etc. and of course cricket.

The Juniors opened the all day and night Fiesta on August 1<sup>st</sup> with an early morning Kwik Cricket exhibition. Ambassadors Francisco Piedra Rancurrel (Cuba's Ambassador to Jamaica) and his counterpart from Jamaica, Stewart Stephenson, attended. A Cricket Club Festival will take place on the occasion next year. More information will be offered in the near future.

The National Sports Institution has invited the CCC to take part in the Over 36 Sports Festival which will take place at the huge Square of the Revolution area at Plaza municipal, Havana City, closing the Recreational Summer Program on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

The CCC appointed San Muguel del Padron and Havana Vieja's Juniors to play an exhibition game of mini-cricket from 2 pm to 5 pm. The children were happy to represent the cricket family at this popular event.

Cuba Cricket is expecting to celebrate their first triangular tournament September 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> between Belize-Cuba-Panama senior teams. This will serve as promotion in Cuba and a favourable experience for Cuban players and the people in general. The media promised to be present.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> an umpiring seminar will take place for those who have been receiving the basics of Cricket Laws and the Spirit of Cricket. On the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>, Elston Wade, President of Belize Cricket Association will conduct a clinic.

These visits contribute, among other aspects, to the knowledge of cricket and its development, and also strengthen our relationship with other countries in our Americas region.

### **Puerto Rico**

On August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, matches were played between the St. Lucia United Club and the Cricket Club of Puerto Rico, at the Sixto Escobar Stadium. Results were:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> - St. Lucia United Club won by 5 wickets.

Puerto Rico won the toss and elected to bat and were all out for 96 in the 26<sup>th</sup> over of the 30 over match. James Allen top scored for the home side with 30 runs. St. Lucia were quickly in trouble at 20/3 but recovered and went on to pass the target.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Lucia won the toss and elected to field. Prince, man of the match the previous day, was again in fine form and together with his

bowling partners Duncan and Evans, restrained the home side to 119/8 in 35 overs. The visitors won for the second time by a mere two wickets.

Puerto Rico, with their confidence improving in every game, is looking forward to hosting the Tropical Cricket Club of St. Croix on the week-end of August 22/23.

### **U.S.A.**

#### **Florida Venue Preparing World Cup Bid**

Broward County, Florida officials are planning a world-class cricket stadium as they prepare to lure the Cricket World Cup in 2007, the Sun Sentinel newspaper has reported.

The stadium would become part of a proposed 97-acre county park near State Road 7 and Sunrise Boulevard. It would seat as many as 30,000 people and compete with Caribbean nations to play host to at least one World Cup match, the Sun Sentinel said.

The cricket grounds, which likely would be used by local cricket leagues, also could be used for concerts and arts fairs, said Bob Harbin, county director of parks and recreation. Harbin said if approved, the earliest the stadium would be built would be the end of 2005.

There is no guarantee Broward or any other U.S. venue will be chosen for a World Cup match, said Gladstone Dainty, president of the United States of America Cricket Association, based in Washington, D.C. Still, there is a chance.

“It makes good sense”, Dainty said. “The game appeals to not only people from the Caribbean, but people from Australia, India, Pakistan”.

Plans call for a 15,000-seat stadium capable of adding 15,000 temporary seats. The cricket pitch can be transformed into two soccer or two football fields. The park also would include basketball courts and a water playground, the report stated.

In the meantime, a Cricket World Cup host committee chaired by legendary West Indies Lance Gibbs, is being established.

“We have an ideal chance of getting a game or two”, said Gibbs, who thinks there are enough cricket buffs in South Florida to support a stadium. He pointed to the tens of thousands of people who make their home in South Florida since leaving the West Indies, England, India and Pakistan.

The bidding process to play host to a World Cup cricket match begins later this year.

#### GM-Chrysler-Ford Tournament

This event was held on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Bloomer Park, Rochester Hills, Michigan and was a monumental success. The first time ever the 3 big automotive companies got involved with cricket in a big way. The one-day 20-over tournament has created a tremendous interest among the local cricketing communities and will become an annual event. It was organized by Michigan Cricket Association (an affiliated member body of USACA) and sponsored by Daimler Chrysler. The tournament was very closely contested and Ford won the championship and the coveted crystal trophy. The day's last ball decided the championship.

Throughout the day about 3 to 4 thousand fans visited the scenic Rochester Hills cricket ground to witness the matches. The Mayor of Troy and Rochester Hills City Administrator were in attendance, as well as senior executive from GM, Daimler Chrysler and Ford. USACA was represented by P.K.Guha, Vice President, and Regional Director, Masood Chick.

As reported by Mr. Guha, “this is the first time in my 30 years of cricket experience I felt so elated about cricket in the USA. All credit goes to Venkat Mallya, Chairman of Michigan C.A. and his tireless team who put together this event, which was one of its kind in the history of USA cricket. This could be just the beginning of sponsorship flow. Mich. C.A. and I are talking with the 3 Bigs for future big time participation in USA cricket”.USACA obtained tremendous

exposure through the organizers, the press and television. Said Mr. Guha “we at USACA must and will support such grass root level interest in all the associations to get the USA to the world cricket stage”.

#### Coaching Youth Program

Chetan Chauhan of India, who played 40 odd Test matches for India and currently the DDCA (Delhi Cricket) President, will preside over the Michigan Cricket Association Annual Function on September 13 and undertake two coaching programs in Chicago.

Robin Singh, who also played for India, will be undertaking a coaching program for two weeks in Detroit.

These programs are slowly being put in place to ensure USA fields a solid combination for the 2007 WC Program.

#### WICB – TCL U19 Championship

Trinidad and Tobago captured both the three-day and one-day championship played in Guyana during the month of August.

As part of the WICB's commitment to the development of cricket in the Americas, two teams, Rest of the Americas (ROA) and Canada were invited to play in this year's tournament. The ROA team consisted of players from Bermuda (7), Cayman Islands (5) and Argentina (2). Mark Harper (Bermuda) was the coach and Theo Cuffy (Cayman Islands) the manager. The team lost all their matches but no doubt gained valuable experience which would boost their individual development. Canada, using the tournament as preparation for their World Cup appearance in Bangladesh next February, had their most successful tournament with a victory over Leeward Islands in the one day competition and first innings points, and a draw against Barbados in the three day competition. Off-spinner Karun Jethi was one of the leading wicket takers of the three-day competition with a haul of 23 wickets.