



ICC Awards

India's Rahul Dravid claimed the most prestigious individual honour in world cricket after being named Player of the Year at the International Cricket Council (ICC) Awards held recently in London.

Dravid, who earlier on picked up the Test Player of the Year award, capped a memorable night by receiving the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for his prolific performances this year.

Intercontinental Cup

Bermuda hangs in for a draw but Canada moves on to semi-finals.

Final scores were:

Canada 250/9 dec.(88.4 overs) A. Bagai 66, S.Mukuddem 3/28 and 250/4 dec. (51.1 overs) H. Dhillon 102* J.M.Davison 78
 Bermuda 107 all out (51 overs) I. Romaine 40, J.M.Davison 5/19 and 221/9 (87 overs) C.J.Smith 67, K.Sandher 6/68

After struggling on day 1, which was affected by wet weather, Canada took control in the final Americas Region I-Cup match. Bermuda did well to hang in for a draw but the Canadians had wrapped up the region's title with a brilliant batting performance in their second innings. When Bermuda started the final session of the match, Canada needed only to capture three wickets to advance to the Global semi-finals in UAE.

Final Points Table:

Team	P	W	L	D	Win			Tot. Pts
					Pts	Bat	Bowl	
Canada	2	1	0	1	14	16.5	19.5	50
USA	2	1	1	0	14	14	19	47
Bermuda	1	0	1	1	0	13	16	29



(Left): Century maker Harinder Dhillon was named Man of the Match. (Right): A smiling Kevin Sandher 6/68 in the second innings for a total of eight wickets in the match.

Cricket History – Canada and Bermuda

Cricket history between Canada and Bermuda began in 1931 when Ridley College, located in St. Catharines, Ontario, commenced sending teams to our Atlantic neighbours.

One of the young men in the early Ridley teams was Clarke Bell, a dashing left-hand batsman who was to go on and make his mark in Canadian cricket history. Sadly he was killed at the Battle of Dieppe in 1942.

A few years later in the mid 1930s the legendary Bermuda sportsman W.F. (Chummy) Hayward, O.B.E., began bringing his famous Bermuda Wanderers XI to Canada.

The first international match between the two nations took place at Hamilton on June 26/27, 1958 when a Canadian XI led by Edmund Burn paid a visit to the island. Bermuda 192 (C.Daulphin 74x) drew with Canada 168 (I.M.Anderson 89).

The two teams, after several encounters at the ICC Trophy tournaments, met again at Sunnybrook Park in Toronto to contest the Intercontinental Cup.

Emerging Countries

The ICC today confirmed the eight nations to contest the ICC Trophy qualifying tournament in Malaysia next year (known as the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifying Series Division 2) – an

event that will move one country closer to a place in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.

The **Cayman Islands**, Fiji, Italy, Kuwait, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Qatar and Zambia will compete in the qualifying tournament (February 22-27) with the winner travelling to Ireland next year for the ICC Trophy in July.

The five highest ranked teams from the ICC Trophy then qualify for the ICC CWC 2007 in the West Indies.

In the Americas Cricket Championships, the top three finishers – **Canada, USA and Bermuda** – won direct entry into the ICC Trophy, while fourth-placed Cayman Islands has another chance to qualify for the main event if they win the WCQS Division 2 tournament in February.

WICB TCL U19 – 3-day Competition

Both Americas Region teams came back from Jamaica empty handed but management reported that the month long tournament had provided the players with valuable experience.

The tournament was not without fine individual performances, the most memorable being Jaspert Mangat's (Canada) innings of 179 against Windward Islands. His tournament batting average of 47.60 was the sixth best among all players. Hassan Aziz (USA) was the best bowler overall in 19th place with an average of 25.50, taking eight wickets for 204.

For team Bermuda, their top performer was Dion Stovell who finished 20th overall in the bowling 7/197 and 19th in the batting with an average of 29.00.

ICC Champions Trophy



12 TEAMS
15 MATCHES
16 DAYS
ONE WINNER

Fixtures for USA
Sept. 10 vs New Zealand
Sept. 13 vs Australia

USA Squad:

Richard Staple (Capt), Nasir Javed, Charles Reid, Zamin Amin, Howard Johnson, Ajaz Ali, Mark Johnson (w/k), Leon Romero, Naseer Islam, Rohan Alexander, Rashid Zia, Steve Massiah, Clayton Lambert, Imran Awan, Jignesh Desai.

Good luck USA!



ICC Americas – Regional Coaching Seminar

In line with ICC global development strategy on coach education, ICC Americas will be holding a Regional Coaching Seminar in Mexico City, Mexico from Monday 15th to Friday 19th, November 2004.

Grant Dugmore will act as Course Instructor for the ICC Americas while the WICB will appoint an authorized Course Instructor to run the WICB Level 1 course. The seminar, including both course components, will run for four days.

Each ICC member country in the Americas region is invited to nominate **one** candidate to attend on its behalf, based on the necessary criteria. Contact Grant Dugmore for details.

BERMUDA

W.I. Pre-Champions Trophy Cricket Tour

The top 14 cricket players from the West Indies arrived in Bermuda on August 29 for a 7-day training camp to prepare for the ICC Champions Trophy, the second largest cricket tournament in the world. The Champions Trophy is a 50-over competition that features the entire 10 Test playing countries and will be hosted at 3 venues in England – The Rose Bowl, Egbaston and The Oval commencing September 10th, with the Finals on Saturday, September 25th.

The current itinerary for the squad will see them square off in 2 day/night games at the National Stadium and a one-day game at Somerset. All games will feature coloured clothing and white balls.

Bermuda upset Barbados

Bermuda savoured one of their most glorious cricketing triumphs recently, beating Caribbean champions Barbados by a nail-biting six runs.

In a match of two tails, the Bermuda Cricket Board (BCB) Select rallied from an inadequate 145 for nine to 225 all out and then dislodged Sherwin Campbell's men for 219, despite

equally dogged rearguard resistance from Barbados' last three batsmen.

Just as Bermuda's last-wicket pair of Dwayne (Sluggo) Leverock and Jacobi Robinson defied the odds to put together 80 precious and decisive runs so did the Bajan bowling trio of Callitos Lopez, Jason Bennett and Ruell Brathwaite, who starred in unfair roles with the bat.

Bermuda's skipper Clay Smith said, "This was unbelievable. Tears came to my eyes. This is by far the best one-day game I have ever played in". "I would like to dedicate this to coach (Mark) Harper as a going-away present. He worked tremendously hard with the team and this is just reward for him."



A smiling and happy skipper - Clay Smith

U15 National Team

The Bermuda Cricket Board (BCB) celebrated the continuing tradition of excellence of the U15 National Team. For the last 4 years the Bermuda side has dominated all opposition and many players are making notable performances in the domestic senior leagues at a young age.

The Sir Henry Tucker Trophy is competed for between Bermuda and Cayman Islands and has never left the shores of Bermuda. In 2000 and 2001, Bermuda handily beat its opponents during reciprocal tours between the two countries. In 2002, the ICC Americas held a regional championship for the U15 level. It was played at Orlando with Canada, USA, Cayman, Argentina, Bermuda and Bahamas competing for the regional crown. Captain Rodney Trott led his team, which included the soon to be scholarship winner Stefan Kelly, to an annihilation of the opposition.

The most recent tournament was hosted by Cayman Islands. The ICC Americas Region invited the four strongest teams to compete in the games that commenced on July 20th. Once again, under the leadership of Malachi Jones, Player of the Tournament, Bermuda successfully retained The Sir Henry Tucker Trophy and won the Regional Crown.



Bermuda U15- Americas Region 2004 Champs

CANADA

The Canadian Cricket Association (CCA) and a non-governmental organization headed by former India cricket captain and coach Kapil Dev, are discussing a proposal that could reap some financial aid for the cash-strapped national cricket body. CCA President Ben Sennik made the disclosure at a reception hosted for Dev recently.

Damian Mills Memorial Match

The inaugural cricket match honoring the memory and life of the late Damian Mills will be played at Assiniboine Cricket Grounds in Winnipeg, Manitoba on September 26, 2004. The inaugural memorial match aims to capture the spirit of the game as Damian lived it, to promote healthy competition with superior sportsmanship, to build camaraderie and to honor one of Manitoba's brightest stars.

Damian Mills – a short, well lived life. Born July 15, 1979 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, he passed away on November 17, 2003. Damian represented Canada at both the senior and youth level.

Summer Cricket Camp for Juniors

For the Manitoba Cricket Association (MCA) it was another successful summer cricket camp for juniors, ages 5 to 18. The venue was Assiniboine Park, and the week-long camp (August 23 to 27) attracted a record 66 participants who were engaged in various forms of the game, from novice and Kanga Ball to the more traditional forms of cricket – one and two-day games – played by the more advanced juniors. The camp also had a female component with 11 females taking part.

This camp has been in existence for 15 years, and from a modest beginning with 15 youngsters has grown both in number of participants and popularity among parents. While everyone is encouraged to socialize and have fun at the camp, skill development and a serious approach

to the game of cricket and its traditions is the major component of the camp.

Along with Ron Dipchand as the master coach, the other main coaches and officials were John Lovelace, Karran Bayney, Norm Barrate, Farook Mohammed, Paul Siesman, Ihsan Khan, and Zahid Khan.



Manitoba Cricket Association (Canada)
Summer Camp for boys and girls.

Canada Cup U18- National Championship

The 2004 edition of this bi-annual competition was won by the favoured team from Ontario. Ontario "B" took the silver medal while Alberta took the bronze. Alberta through their schools program has shown tremendous improvement over the years. Over 6,000 children take part in some sort of cricket activity every year in their province. Quebec followed by the once powerful BC team and Manitoba rounded out the points table in that order. The competition which was played in Toronto from August 9-13, is used not only to determine a national junior champ but to allow selectors to pick a long list of possible youth players to represent Canada at International events..

U14 International games T&D vs USA

The Toronto & District league, the largest in Canada, hosted an all star team from the USA. The US team included players from several states as far away as California. The organizers of the match hope this series would become an annual event. Three games were played over the holiday labour day weekend. In the main match the host (T&D) defeated the visitors. Scores were not as important as the friendships made and the desire to promote this event between the two neighbours as an annual event. In other Toronto & District news, the West Indian CC won the U19 championship (Donald King Trophy) by defeating Overseas U19.

CHILE

New Executive Committee

The Chilean Cricket Association (ACC) held its Annual General Meeting towards the end of July. Tony Adams will shift roles from President to Honorary President, with Clive Marriott taking on the Presidency and Mike Meade filling the position of Secretary. Bruce Philips and Guy Hooper were elected as Vice Presidents, whilst Paul Hollis will continue in his post as Treasurer.

Generally considered to be one of the more development-orientated committees of recent years, it will be interesting to see how the members react to the challenges that lie ahead.

Two New Leagues

In an ambitious move by the ACC, the 2004-05 season will incorporate no fewer than two new leagues – the Junior Metropolitan Cup and a Second Division competition.

Following on from the success of last season's Metropolitan Cup, both competitions will be of a four-club format and will help to involve Chilean nations in the game.

U13s

The end of last season was marked by a tour to Chile by an Argentine Combines Colleges XI who took on the first ever Chile U13 side.

Despite several spirited efforts by the rising start of Chilean cricket, Argentina won the inaugural 'Copa Transandina' with a 3-0 whitewash. However, there were many positives to be taken from the series for the young Chilenos who will now be looking forward to the return tour to Argentina over Easter.

New Website

After almost a year in the pipelines, the new-look ACC website is now online www.cricketchile.cl

The month ahead

- The new season kicks off with The Grange Game on Sunday, October 3rd at 12.30.
- Cricket begins in schools across the country.
- Training begins for the All-Chilean team who travel to Argentina early next year.

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