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ICC AMERICAS

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### WCQS U19 – Americas Region

A team that wasn't ever certain of participating ended up going undefeated to capture the 2005 U19 Americas Championship and a place in the 2006 Youth World Cup.

Before the tournament little was known about Team USA. By the end of Day 1 they were the talk of the camp, shunning the favourite Canada by a 38 run victory. On Day 2 Canada was cheering for Bermuda to beat the USA and force a three way tie, but Team USA handed the co-favourite a decisive defeat by eight wickets. From this point it was clear sailing for the Americans as they captured their first ever U19 Americas Championship.

The team, coached by former W.I. test player Larry Gomes, was solid in all three departments and was the best squad in the tournament. Canada settled for the silver medal by defeating Bermuda in the final day, while Cayman Islands took the bronze with a better run rate over Bermuda. Argentina was again at the bottom of the table, but to their credit they were more competitive than in previous years.

### Photo Gallery



USA skipper Hemant Puno had a fine tournament and led his team to victory.



Trevin Bastiampillai (Canada) the only century of the tournament.



Bermuda's Capt. Oronde Bascome ponders what went wrong



Canada's Capt. Kenneth Carto on the way to a fine innings of 66.



Ricardo Roach (Cayman) on drives vs Argentina



Getting it right! Two of Americas top umpires Courtney Young (Cayman) and Roger Dill (Bermuda)

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## Intercontinental Cup 2005

This event, to determine the region's representative at the finals in Namibia, was held in Toronto from August 22 to September 2. All three first class matches were played at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club.

Cayman Islands, replacing the USA, played in their first 3-day match and while they did not defeat either Canada or Bermuda, showed immense improvement as the tournament progressed. Ryan Bovell (Captain) is an excellent all rounder, Steve Gordon and Pearson Best batted well, and young Troy Taylor showed he could bowl to the best batsmen in the region.

Canada missing their three key players John Davidson, Ian Billcliffe and Desmond Chumney (all batsmen) found it difficult to score runs as evidenced when Bermuda gave them 230 to win and they fell short by 48 runs. Ashish Bagai returned to the national squad and had two good games. Don Maxwell hit a century (114) against the Cayman squad, and another recall to the side Nicholas Ifill chipped in with a 73 against Cayman. Newcomer Qaiser Ali had two half tonnes to his credit. Their two young opening bowlers had at least one good match each. Umar Bhatti demolished Bermuda in their first innings by taking 8 for 40. His partner Henry Osinde took 7 for 53 against Cayman.

Bermuda riding high after the ICC Trophy made a brilliant recovery in their second innings against Canada and won the key match of the series by 48 runs. Janeiro Tucker with 124 and Dean Minors with 66 led the charge.

In their match against Cayman Islands, the difference of experience in the two sides was very evident. After their batsmen had blasted their way to 387/7 declared, Bermuda sent Cayman Islands in to bat with 45 minutes left in the day's play. The situation which called for restraint, ended up with a series of flashing outside the off stump and mishooking. At stumps Cayman was deep in a hole with only 50 runs on the board and four wickets back in the pavilion.

Clay Smith was probably Bermuda's most consistent batsman in this tournament, scoring 138 in this match— the highest individual score of the tournament. Irvine Romaine had 111 and Dean Minors was again in the runs with a sparkling 74 off 71 balls. Dwayne Leverock again showed his talent in the bowling department, capturing 11/72.

By winning this game, Bermuda earned the right to represent the Americas at the finals in Namibia.

Photo Gallery:



The "Big Hug"  
Leverock hugs Tucker  
on reaching his century



Bermuda's slip attack!



The Champs-Bermuda

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## RDO Visits Suriname

This former Dutch colony is in the upper most northeast section of South America. It was known as Dutch Guiana with Guyana (British Guiana) on the west and French Guiana on the east. The three countries were once referred to as "the Guianas" (Dutch, British and French).

Recently our RDO Grant Dugmore paid his first visit to Suriname and was surprised at the organized cricket activity there. He is hoping that Suriname will host the Americas 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Championship early in 2006.

Sometimes getting from one location to the next can be tricky. Methods can almost be compared to the missionaries, as evidenced here by our RDO using the only means of transportation on the Corentyne River, the body of water that separates Guyana from Suriname. We are pleased to report Grant is back safely in his office in Buenos Aires!



Our RDO rolling on the river !



## ARGENTINA

(report from Gary Savage, CEO)

The Argentine U19 team took part in the Americas U19 Championship which was held in Toronto, Canada from August 7 – 13<sup>th</sup>. Pedro Bruno and Ignacio Redruello topped the batting averages with an average of 20.33 and 17.66 respectively. Steven Nino, Patricio Canevari and Juan del Valle were the best of the bowlers.

On behalf of the Argentina U19 team, I would like to congratulate Grant Dugmore and Martin Vieira for the effort and hard work they put into making the tournament such a success. Congratulations to the USA on qualifying to represent the Americas region at the next U19 World Cup.

## Annual School Trios

The annual ACA Schools trios tournament was held at St. George's College on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. This year's event attracted over 60 kids from over 10 schools in the Buenos Aires region. The tournament was divided into two sections - open category with six teams and two U15 sections (A & B) comprising of five teams each.

### *Open Category:*

Winner: St. Albans "A"

Team: Tomas Birnie, Gonzalo Rodriguez and Francisco Allesandrini

Most Valuable Player: Gonzalo Rodriguez (Rosario)

### *Under 15 – Category A*

Winner: St. Albans "B"

Team: Felix Birnie, Juan Queirolo, Santiago Husain

Most Valuable Player: Gaston Basualdo (Lomas Schools "A")

### *Under 15 - Category B*

Winner: St. Albans "B"

Team: Agustin Husain, Juan Trabuco, Nicolas Pentreath

Most Valuable Player: Agustin Husain (St. Albans "B")

## BAHAMAS

(as reported by Greg Taylor)

### Super Mario Powers T-Bird to victory!

The Bahamas Cricket Association League Championship Match was played on Saturday, August 27 at Haynes Oval, West Bay Street, between T-Bird C.C. and Dockendale C.C. T-Bird won the toss and elected to field, to the dismay of their fans.

Dockendale got off to a steady start before Gulati was dismissed for 3 runs. Shanaka Perera joined Surajal and the pair attacked T-Bird's bowling with tenacity. Surujal and Perera went on to score 71 and 98 runs respectively for Dockendale. The team ended up scoring 313

runs for 9 wickets in the allotted 45 overs. Dockendale fans and family members were ecstatic! As far as they were concerned, T-Bird could not catch that score.

T-Bird opened the batting with M. Allie and Don Butler. Allie and Butler were dismissed for 4 and 2 respectively. Wayne Patrick and Brice Bowise were also dismissed cheaply for 22 and 2 runs. Garth Davis and Mario Ford were at the crease when the flood gates burst open! Mario Ford went on a rampage that was only equaled in the 1980s by another Bahamian cricketer, Ken Rodgers. Ford tore into the heart of Dockendale's bowling attack due to his prowess as a baseball and softball player. Ford did not offer a chance as he struck the ball cleanly! Even Dockendale's fans were amazed at the way Ford played his innings with 202 not out, 27 sixes and 6 fours. All of his runs were scored in a total of 18 overs! This is a remarkable feat by Ford and it should be a record. **Congratulations to Mr. Mario Ford and T-Bird C.C. on winning their third consecutive championship.**

#### Kwik Cricket starts September School Term

The Ministry of Education in conjunction with the Bahamas Cricket Association will introduce Kwik Cricket in 26 primary schools in September this year. The Association is excited about this venture as it is the starting block for a vibrant youth program.

### **BERMUDA**

The Bermudan U15s were hosted by the Toronto and District Cricket Association (Canada) after plans for a tri-nation competition with Cayman and Jamaica failed to materialize. The hosts pushed the Americas Region U15 champs to their limit, winning three of the four games played.

Bermuda and Canada have a long history of playing each other at both the U15 and U19 age groups and hopefully more exchanges between the two top Associates of the region will take place in the future.

#### Bermuda Security Group U13 All-star game

The Bermuda Security Group Under 13 Youth League Cricket Finals took place on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the National Stadium. The All Stars Match featured the Eastern All Stars against the Western All Stars, made up of U13 Youth

League players from all ten teams in the Bermuda Security Group Youth League, whose President and CEO Herman Tucker said "*I'm proud as a Bermudian and businessman to be supporting our future cricket stars, with the 3 year sponsorship deal for the U13 cricketers*".

### **CANADA**

#### Summary of Events in the World of Canadian Cricket for the month of August

Following the successful qualification of the Canadian team for the 2007 World Cup, there were a number of celebration events planned. The main event was a Celebration Dinner in Toronto on August 26<sup>th</sup> to honour the team and its success.

Canada hosted the ICC Intercontinental Cup matches against Cayman Islands and Bermuda from August 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Classified as First Class matches, this was a historic occasion as it was the first time the Cayman Islands had participated in such a match.

Toronto was host for the Region's Under 19 World Cup Qualification from August 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. The tournament was won by USA who were unbeaten in all their games.

The Canadian Inter Provincial Tournament took place in Vancouver, British Columbia from August 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and was won by British Columbia who were unbeaten throughout the tournament.

The Canadian Cricket Association hosted its inaugural Golf Tournament on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **CHILE**

#### Region's RDO visits Chile

ICC Americas Regional Development Officer Grant Dugmore recently completed his annual visit to Chile and was impressed with the progress which has been made by the ACC since his first visit in 2003. He also assisted Chile's National Development Officer at the ICC Introduction to Cricket course held by The Grange School where he was able to offer the participants some interesting insights into the world of cricket coaching and development.

### ICC Introduction to Cricket Course

Eighteen PE teachers from The Grange School were put through their paces by the ACC's National Development Officer at the beginning of the month as the school hosted an ICC Introductory Level coaching course.

Chile now boasts over forty ICC Introductory coaches and further courses are set to take place at schools and universities across the country in the coming months.

### Argentina retain Andes Cup

Chile Sub13s narrowly missed out on a historic victory over Argentina in the Andes Cup held in Buenos Aires. With nine runs needed from the last two overs the game was finely poised, but Argentina's fielders shone, restricting Chile to just three runs from the penultimate over.

The Argentina side left the field in jubilation, their Chilean counterparts not quite able to believe just how close they had come to a momentous victory. However, the game showed just how much the gap has closed between the two Transandean neighbours over the last two years.

The Chilean Cricket Association are now preparing to host next year's tournament, where the home side will be hoping to claim the Andes Cup for the first time in the tournament's history.

### ACC appoint Regional Development Officer for Fifth Region

The great potential for cricket development in Chile's Fifth Region could soon be realized following the appointment of Patrcio Caamano as the area's first RDO.

### Cricket to continue at Lincoln International

After a break of almost three months, cricket will restart later this month at Lincoln International Academy. The school has been particularly supportive of junior cricket over the last year and members of staff at the school are looking forward to another busy season.

September 2005 sees the inauguration of the school's new sports facilities in Valle Norte, where cricket is set to be as much a part of school life as football and volleyball. Last year alone cricket was introduced to over 300 pupils and played regularly by more than 50.

### St. Alban's College to tour Chile

St. Alban's College will become the first Argentine school to tour Chile when they are hosted by The Grange School in October.

### AGM confirmed for September

The ACC's 2005 Annual General Meeting will take place at the PWCC on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## USA

The City of Lauderhill, Florida has another "First" as it pertains to cricket...this time with the seniors in the community. The Broward County Senior Games in 2006 will include a new game – the Senior Cricket Home Run Tournament! Omadath Boodoo designed the game, Indira Maharaj put it in writing for non cricketers to understand, and Dorothy Waroff convinced the Committee it was time to have a game like this in the two week event of several games. Way to go team!

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