



NewsFlash

# ICC Americas



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### **Bermuda crowned Americas Champions**

Bermuda was crowned cricket champions of Americas Region for the first time in their history, without even bowling a ball in the final day of competition. Having completed their four scheduled matches, they were forced to look on hoping that the USA would slip up against Canada. The Canadians completed a decisive 10 wicket victory over the USA to give the Bermudans the title.

Bermuda, coached by former West Indies international Gus Logie, and captained superbly by Irving Romaine, now proudly join the roster of Americas champions alongside Canada (2000 and 2004) and the USA (2002).

### *Final Standings*

Team	P	W	L	NR	Pts	NRR
BERMUDA	4	3	0	1	14	1.420
USA	4	2	1	1	10	0.485
CANADA	4	2	2	0	8	0.807
CAYMAN ISL.	4	2	2	0	8	-0.253
ARGENTINA	4	0	4	0	0	-2.480

### *Individual Awards*

Player of the Tournament: Steve Massiah (USA)  
 Batting : Steve Massiah (USA) 283 runs  
 Bowling : Ronald Ebanks (Cayman) 10 wkts.  
 Fielding: Stephen Outerbridge (Bermuda)  
 Wicket-Keeping : Kwame Tucker (Bermuda)

Another matter defined during the tournament played at the Maple Leaf CC was the confirmed qualification of the Cayman Islands for next year's World Cricket League Division 3 event. The team from the smallest of all the nations taking part helped themselves with a shocking win on day 2 over Canada.

Argentina was voted the most improved squad and together with the success of the Cayman Islands, speaks well for the quality of performance of the bottom ranked teams of this division.

You can check out all the details on our website at [www.icc-cricket.com](http://www.icc-cricket.com) - Americas Region.



MVP.S Massiah, USA,



D.Forrester, ARG



I.Romaine, BER



A.Cordrington, CAN



P.Best, Cayman Is.

## USA claim rain-ravaged U15 Championship

In an Americas U15 Championship severely hampered by poor weather, including tropical storm Ernesto, the United States snatched the regional title on the final day, despite more thunderstorms and drastically shortened games.

With the first two days of this three-day event completely lost to Ernesto's presence over Florida in the USA, officials from ICC Americas, USACA and local city and county authorities worked tirelessly to at least salvage a knock-out 20/20 tournament between the four participating teams on the final day. The two semi-finals, although ultimately completed, were interrupted by heavy showers, which meant that the final and third/fourth place play-off were reduced to 15 overs a side in order to fit them in before darkness fell. As it was, the final exciting moments were played out in gathering dark, with a backdrop of thunder and lighting in the distance, as the USA clinched victory off the final ball over Bermuda in the final.

ICC Americas would like to thank the City of Lauderdale, Broward County and Selwyn Caesar USACA for their valuable contribution.

*Summarized Scores:*

### **Bermuda v Americas Development X1**

Americas Development X1 – 91 for 6 (20 overs): M.Young 31 no, K.Leverock 18, K.Fubler 4-1-8-3, R.Smith 4-1-12-2; Bermuda – 93 for 3 (14.4 overs) – S.Smith 49 no, S.Hall 11, N.Saini 4-0-7-1..

**Bermuda won by 7 wickets.**

### **USA v Canada**

USA – 95 for 5 (20 overs) – B.Giridharan 30, G.Sewdial 20, H.Brijcall 13, T.Manoosingh 2-0-9-1; Canada – 70 all out (17.3 overs) – H.Patel 13, R.Srinivasan 12, V.Nayar 4-2-6-3, G.Sewdial 3-3-0-17-2

**USA won by 25 runs.**

### **Canada v Americas Development X1**

Canada – 169 for 5 (15 overs) – H.Zaidi 74, H.Patel 48; Americas Development X1 – 61 for 5 (15 overs) – N. Saini 17 no, R.Wilson 18 no, T.Kittur 2-0-5-1, R.Duvraj 2-0-5-1

**Canada won by 108 runs**

### **USA v Bermuda**

USA – 80 for 5 (15 overs) – V.Nayar 40, V.Varrurl 11, G.Mabury 3-0-11-1, K.Fubler 2-0-11-1; Bermuda – 78 for 6 (15 overs) – T.Fray 24, D.Darrel 11 no, G.Sewdial 3-0-18-3, V.Nayar 3-0-10-2

**USA won by 2 runs**

### *Final Placings:*

1. United States
2. Bermuda
3. Canada
4. Americas Development X1

### *Individual Awards:*

Man of the Match	
Bermuda v Americas X1 –	Sinclair Smith (Bermuda)
Canada v USA –	Vaibhan Nayar (USA)
Canada v Americas X1 –	Hussain Zaidi (Canada)
Bermuda v USA –	Avivan Nayar (USA)
Player of Tournament	Avivan Nayar (USA)
Best Batsman	Hussain Zaidi (Canada)
Best Bowler	Vaibhan Nayar (USA)
Best Fielder	Kevon Fugler (Bermuda)
Best Wicket-Keeper	Akash Jagannathan (USA)

Team USA – U15





## Intercontinental Cup – Bermuda v Canada

For the second time in a month, Canada won an Intercontinental Cup fixture in the final hour of play on the fourth and final day of their match.

The game against Bermuda, like their previous one against Kenya, had many twists and turns. Bermuda showed a great deal of patience and application in their batting on day one. Canada replied with a massive partnership of 233 between John Davison and Ian Billcliff but at the end of day 2 there was still hope for Bermuda with Canada just 52 runs ahead and three wickets to fall. The morning session of day 3 brought a pleasant surprise for Canada as Abdol Samad and Umar Bhatti added an unexpected 149 partnership for the eight wicket. This enabled Canada to end their innings at 587, a solid lead of 253 runs.

Bermuda knew their only option was to bat long to ensure a draw on the fourth day. It would appear things were well in hand as they had erased the deficit and looked comfortable in giving the Canadians no chance of batting a second time. However, right after the tea interval disaster struck as Umar Bhatti got the break through Canada was hoping for, capturing three wickets for less than 10 runs. When Clay Smith (84) was caught with the score at 291/7 it marked the end of Bermuda's day long struggle and their innings closed just 59 runs ahead of Canada's massive first innings. When Canada started their chase for victory, it was very evident there were just too little runs and too many overs left in the day for Bermuda to defend.

### *Scores:*

Bermuda 334 (J.Tucker 71, I.Romaine 68, S.Mukuddem 56, U.Bhatti 4/91) and 310 (C.Smith 84, I.Romaine 65, U.Bhatti 6/104); Canada 587 (J.Davison 165, I. Billcliff 126, A.Samad 119, R.Steede 4/127) and 60-1.

### **Photo Gallery:**

Umar Bhatti , Canada 10/195

Abdol Samad, Canada , 119

John Davison 165 and Ian Billcliff 126



## ODIs – Bermuda v Canada

### Game 1

Canada's one day game performances continue to struggle as they lost their fifth straight ODI this year. Again it was their batting that led to their downfall. After winning the toss and electing to bat, the Canadians were all out for 145 in 39.5 overs, leaving Bermuda a very modest target. Kevin Hurdle took 3/24 to lead the Bermudan attack. The top five batsmen for Bermuda all reached modest double figures with Salem Muddudem guiding his team home with an unbeaten 39\*.

### Game 2

This game, which also counted towards the points table of the Americas WCL Division 1, was the closest Canada came to winning an ODI fixture this season, losing by a mere 11 runs. Bermuda won the toss and elected to bat. Skipper Irving Romaine (101), Clay Smith (38) and the hard hitting Lionel Cann (36\*) took Bermuda to a respectable score of 272/7 in 50 overs. Canada fought back gamely with veterans John Davison (55) and Ian Billcliff (59) leading the way, but in the final over of play, with just five balls remaining, Canada was all out for 261 – eleven runs short of their target. The defeat was Canada's sixth straight in ODI competition and their third to regional rivals Bermuda.

## Women's Cricket

### Bermuda defeats Canada

Bermuda's women's program may be in the infant stages but already has paid big dividends. In a series of three matches to determine which country will be the regional representative at the WC Qualifying Tournament next year, Bermuda defeated their well established northern neighbor 2-1, winning the final contest by a mere four runs. All matches played at Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, B.C. Canada.

### Game 1

Canada won game one by five wickets. Bermuda batted first, having won the toss, and made 201 with R. Richardson scoring 61\*. Canada's best bowlers were C.Abbott 4/32 and H.Gaffney 3/37. The Canadians surpassed their target with five wickets in hand, getting good contributions from K.Coulter (31), A.Mogan (27) and H.Gaffney (27).

### Game 2

Bermuda equaled the series when Canada's batting failed in game 2. Bermuda was all out for a modest 159 runs mainly due to the efforts of B.Marshall, despite a brilliant 86\*. C. Abbott 4/13 was again Canada's best bowler. Canada's reply of 135 was 24 runs short with only Mona Persaud (34) showing any form with the bat.

### Game 3

Bermuda qualified by the narrowest of margins and was in deep trouble batting first in the final of a three game series against Canada. A respectable partnership between Brittney Marshall and skipper Terry-Lynn Paynter allowed the visitors to reach the century mark but at 127 all out, it was their lowest score of the series and certainly not an impossible target for the Canadians. Helene Gaffney was Canada's best bowler with 3/11 while Mona Persaud took 2/20. Canada was soon in deep trouble as they slumped to 50/8 but then a great 9<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 67 between Kim Coulter (58) and Janet John-Dorie brought the Canadians to within 11 runs of victory when John-Dorie was out to a superb catch. With Clair Abbott at the non strikers end, Kim Coulter's fine innings of 58 came to an end just four runs short of victory.

*Final Score:* Bermuda 127, Canada 124

Bermuda qualifies for the Women's WC Qualifying Tournament

## Data Survey

Recently all countries received the 2006 Data Survey. These forms must be filled out and returned to ICC Americas by September 30, 2006. Please note this year's survey requires a full detailed reply. Regional offices must verify the information provided by individual member countries. Please make sure all information provided is the most current, accurate available. Check your definitions provided and if you require assistance, please contact Grant Dugmore or Martin Vieira. **Deadline is September 30, 2006.**



## ARGENTINA

### Argentina at the Americas Division 1

The Argentina National team participated in the ICC Americas World Cricket League Division 1 Tournament held in Toronto, Canada from August 20 to 27.

Argentina started their preparation for the tournament with two warm up matches against Canada U23 (lost by 3 wickets) and Ajax Cricket Club (victory by 75 runs). Promising performances came from Matias Paterlini (52) and Gary Savage (3-39) against Canada U23, and Gary Savage (69 no), Paul Ferguson (52) and Steven Nino (3-14) against Ajax Cricket Club.

Argentina played against Bermuda, USA, Canada and the Cayman Islands in the hope of qualifying for the World Cricket League Division 3. Although they were unable to win any of the four matches played in the tournament, they have returned home with a lot of hope after some promising performances by a young team that has some great potential for the future.

Hamish Barton, national coach, was pleased by the way the team performed, especially the improvement shown by their batting. They played with a lot of heart and put everything they had into each game. He did however stress that Argentina missed out on some golden opportunities in a majority of the games with some crucial drop catches which allowed the other teams off the hook. He was very happy with the way the team prepared for the tournament in difficult winter conditions and very pleased that Argentina was voted the most improved team. It was a huge honor to receive this accolade as the general consensus was that all the teams had vastly improved from the 2004 tournament which was held in Bermuda.



**The Argentine Cricket Association is pleased to announce that they have appointed Hamish Barton on a full time basis as High Performance Manager/National Coach. He will start his role officially on October 1, 2006.**

## BERMUDA

**ICC top man backs Bermuda** (Royal Gazette)  
International Cricket Council chief executive Malcolm Speed flew to the island in August for four days of meetings with the BCB, saying he was “very impressed” with what he had seen and heard despite a “skeleton staff”. He added “I was delighted when you qualified for the World Cup in Ireland to become one of the top 16 teams and for such a small country to have the opportunity to compete against some of the biggest countries on the world stage I think is fantastic”.

Mr. Speed further commented “During my time here I’ve been very encouraged to see that the Bermuda Cricket Board takes a strategic rather than an operational view of cricket governance.....Talent spotting is absolutely crucial because in bigger countries, if a few talented players slip through the cracks, there are plenty more to choose from but in a place like Bermuda where the pool of players is a lot smaller you cannot afford to miss anybody.

That's why it is so pleasing to see the processes are in place for Bermuda's Under-19, Under-15 and Under-13 teams because you have to make the most of player development".

The ICC's decision to expand the number of teams in the World Cup to include more Associate member countries is a controversial topic in world cricket, with the likes of Australian captain Ricky Ponting suggesting on more than one occasion that the number of potential mismatches would cheapen the game and lower the entertainment value. Speed, however, who has always been a passionate defender of the new policy, insisted it was the ICC's duty to grow the game in terms of popularity and participation levels. He admitted the gap in standard between Associate and Full members was still a large one.

In his further comments Mr. Speed said "There are those who say that we should keep the top table open only for test-playing countries but in my opinion that would be a terribly backward move. It's certainly not unusual in other sports for the top-ranked team to be significantly better than the 16<sup>th</sup> team – that is the nature of sport. It's our job to try and help close that gap, which we have already started doing through significantly increased investment in the top Associate member countries, who have also been granted One Day International status which affords them the right to walk onto the field with some of the world's best teams. This year there will be something like 100 One Day Internationals involving Associates, and we've already seen the likes of Scotland take on Pakistan and Ireland play England – and they've acquitted themselves very well. I'm confident that one or more of the Associates involved in the World Cup will do very well and if that team is Bermuda, then that would be terrific".

## **BRAZIL**

In front of a large and vocal crowd at the University of Brasilia, the Brasilia Cricket Club held its annual Ambassadors Match on August 20, with the British Ambassador's Invitational XI beating their Australian counterparts in the final over. The game was played in an excellent spirit with just about everybody getting a bat and bowl.

The Australian team included 4 Brazilians, including national team member Rudyard Hartmann, whose useful batting and bowling brought him within a whisker of being named Man of the Match. The Aussie/Brazil side needed just 13 runs off the last 3 overs, but tight bowling from the Brits stopped them 7 runs short of the target.

BCC founding members John Landers and Robert Kersting came out of retirement to bowl and keep wicket, respectively and respectably! Opposing all-rounders Rubabul Islam (Man of the Match) and Vince Bastick shared high score honours, each getting 51 not out while sharing four wickets between them.

Many thanks to Ambassadors Peter Collecott and Peter Heyward for their enthusiasm in keeping this annual event well and truly alive, and for their hosting of recent social events.

The club will be staging a few more games prior to hosting Sao Paulo and Parana for the Brazilian Cricket Association's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 20-20 tournament this October.

## **CANADA**

### **Canada Cup 2006**

The Canadian National U19 cricket tournament was held in Edmonton, Alberta from August 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Ontario finished first, followed by Alberta, Manitoba and B.C.

Individual award winners included:

Best batsman	Zain Ahmed (Alberta)
Best bowler	Raoul Breytenbach (Alberta)
Best fielder	Sunny Chohan (Manitoba)
Best wicket-keeper	Hasan Raza (Ontario)
MVP Series	Chris Manohar (Ontario)

### *Game Summaries*

#### **Alberta v British Columbia**

Alberta 320 for 5 wickets – Z.Ahmed 149, H. Tariq 49, Yawar Abbas 47; British Columbia 168 all out – R. White 41, S. Aurka 3 for 24

**Alberta won by 152 runs**

#### **Alberta v Manitoba**

Manitoba 132 all out ; Alberta 133 for 6 wickets – K. Tahir 58\*, Z. Khan 3 for 34.

**Alberta won by 4 wickets**

#### **Ontario v British Columbia**

B.C. 97 all out – H.Singh 4 for 21 R.Lall 3 for 18; Ontario 98 for 5 wickets – C. Manohar 36

**Ontario won by 5 wickets**

#### **Ontario v Manitoba**

Ontario 313 for 8 wickets – C.Manohar 68 A. Erramilli 74; Manitoba 144 all out – R.Kamal 40, H.Warring 39, Vinod 4 for 24

**Ontario won by 169 runs**

## Canadian Ladies X1 to make national cricket history

The ladies of Canada will make Canadian sporting history when they meet Bermuda at Beacon Hill park in Victoria on September 2, 4 and 8 to decide which country will represent the Americas region in the Women's World Cup Qualifying Tournament in 2007.

These encounters will mark the first occasion of a Canadian Ladies X1 taking the field of play on the international scene. This was to happen in the summer of 2005 when Canada was invited to take part in the West Indies Women's Regional Tournament, but hurricanes Dennis and Emily roared by Jamaica and the event was cancelled.

Canada will be led by well known Toronto lady cricketer Ave Mogan and the coach will be former first-class cricketer Tony Cordle of Victoria.

*Our thanks to the following for their contributions this month:*

Gary Savage (Argentina);Neil Speight (Bermuda);Norman Baldwin (Brazil);Chris Marathalingam, Kevin Boller (Canada); Edward Fox (USA).

## **AMERICAS REGION PLAYING RANKINGS:**

### MEN SENIOR

1. Bermuda
2. USA
3. Canada
4. Cayman Islands
5. Argentina
6. Bahamas
7. Panama
8. Suriname
9. Belize
10. Turks and Caicos
11. Brazil
12. Chile
13. Mexico
14. Costa Rica
15. Cuba

### U19

1. USA
2. Canada
3. Cayman Islands
4. Bermuda
5. Argentina

### USA



Kansas cricketer **Jason Fox** on his way to an unbeaten 67 during a cricket match in Haysville, Kansas. Jason has represented the Central East United States regional U15 team and the Central West United States regional U19 team in 2006. He is currently the Kansas Junior Captain and a valued member of the Wichita World X1 Cricket Club. At only 14 years of age, Jason Fox is a Kansas cricketer to watch.

### WOMEN

1. Bermuda
2. Canada
3. Argentina
4. Chile

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