



# *ICC Americas Region News Flash*

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## *Canada wins first Americas Women's Championship*

### *Bermuda U19 qualify for the 2008 U19 World Cup*

Canada beat Bermuda by 5 wickets in an enthralling contest at Maple Leaf Cricket Club, thereby winning the first ever ICC Americas Women's Championship. After winning the toss and electing to bat, Bermuda made 169 for 7 in their allotted 40 overs. In reply, Canada marched to an emphatic victory and the Americas crown, reaching 173 for 5 in 35 overs. The only meaningful contribution came from all-rounder Terry-Lynn Paynter, with an outstanding innings of 58, including 6 fours in 61 balls. For Canada, Helene Gaffney produced a great late bowling spell, to end with figures of 3 for 31 in 5 overs.



Team Canada – First Americas Women's Champions



Terry Lynn Paynter (Bermuda)



Joanna White (Canada) with Ann Browne-John

Canada got off to a nervous start in reply and in search of the Americas title, but a 123 run 3<sup>rd</sup> partnership between Kim Coulter 37 (off 81 balls with 3 fours) and a brilliant undefeated 50 (off 78 balls with 4 fours) for player of the match Joanna White, effectively signed and sealed the outcome. So Canada claims the first ever ICC Americas Women's Championship title, and certainly there is huge optimism for the future of women's cricket in the region after an enormously successful tournament.

#### Final Placings

1. Canada
2. Bermuda
3. Argentina

#### Individual Award Winners

Player of Tournament - Joanna White (Canada)  
Best Batter – Amanda Samaraoo (T&T U17)  
Best Bowler – Terry-Lynn Paynter (Bermuda)  
Best Fielder – Melissa Sandy (T&T U17)  
Best Wicket-keeper – Jerveena Pollucksingh (T&T U17)

The Championship tournament ended on a celebratory note with a match between a select Americas X1 and the Trinidad & Tobago U17 team, as well as two 20/20 matches between mixed teams made up of players from the three regional member countries who participated in the tournament – Argentina, Bermuda and Canada.

In the show match of the day, the young T&T team scored a comfortable 5 wicket win over the Americas X1, knocking off the required 186 runs for victory with the loss of 5 wickets in only 35.5 overs. Earlier, after being put in to bat, the Americas X1 had compiled a useful 185 for 7 in their 50 overs, but this ultimately proved to be nowhere near enough to challenge their youthful opponents.



Americas XI- Ave Mogan (Capt.), Joanna White, Kim Coulter, Meara Crawford and Maree Wilson (Canada), Chevonne Furbert (vice-captain) Reuna Richardson, Terry-Lynn Paynter and Wendy Woodley (Bermuda), Veronica Vasquez and Cecilia Birne (Argentina) Mawhish Khan (ICC Americas), Ann Browne-John (Coach), Martin Vieira (Manager).

Ten players were selected to attend an ICC Americas Women's Academy, to be held at a later date (probably early next year), namely Joanna White, Muneshri Persaud, Monali Patel and Meara Crawford (Canada), Stacey Babb, Reuna Richardson and Rickelle Smith (Bermuda), Veronica Vasquez, Cecilia Birnie and Delfine Canton (Argentina).



Amanda Samaroo T&T-Most runs  
16 year old "Mighty Mouse"



Veronica Vasquez (Argentina)  
First ball of the tournament



Reuna Richardson (Bermuda)



Kim Coulter (Canada)

## **BERMUDA QUALIFIES FOR U19 CRICKET WORLD CUP**

Bermuda made history when it qualified for its maiden ICC U19 Cricket World Cup by winning the five-team round-robin Americas U19 Qualifier in Toronto in August. In a match of fluctuating fortunes, Bermuda beat Canada by 13 runs to finish the tournament unbeaten. Put into bat, Bermuda managed 194-8 from the allotted 50 overs and then successfully defended the relatively small score by restricting Canada to 181-9.

In the final against Canada, Jones produced a man of the match performance when he scored 33 and took 3-37, while Kelly scored an unbeaten 52 that lifted Bermuda to 194-8 from 103-6. Although Trott scored only 12 and took 1-30, he marshalled his troops excellently to victory. Canada in its chase made a confident start when Ruvidu Gunasekera (31) and Chris Manohar (41) put on 55 runs for the first wicket, but the departure of Gunasekera opened floodgates as the home team collapsed to 101-6. Wicket-keeper Rustom Bhatti at that stage, held the innings together and steered Canada to 148-6, but the loss of three wickets for 18 runs ended the host's hopes of returning to the main round after missing the 2006 tournament in Sri Lanka.

### **Final Placings**

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



Team Bermuda



Terry Fray , Century Maker

**Individual Awards**

- Player of Tournament – Ramon Sealy (Cayman Islands)
- Best Batsman – Ruvindu Gunasekera (Canada)
- Best Bowler – Tamauri Tucker (Bermuda)
- Best Fielder – Patrick McConvey (Cayman Islands)
- Best Wicket-keeper – Rustum Bhatti (Canada)



Ramon Sealy (Cayman Islands)



Competitive performance by first time Bahamas



Some genuine pace-Kevin James-Canada



**ARGENTINA**

August was a busy month for Argentina cricket with their U19 and Women's teams competing in the ICC Americas tournaments in Toronto.

**The U19 team** led by Tomas Birnie fought hard against some top opposition. The tournament was eventually won by Bermuda (who had

3 players from their senior team that competed at the World Cup). The U19 produced a fine performance in their final match against the Bahamas to claim their only victory. There were some encouraging performances from a young team which was very encouraging for the future. Hamish Barton (Coach) was pleased with the team's performance. He felt it was crucial that these players were exposed to a high level of cricket but also felt it was essential to get them into more competitive cricket back in Argentina, adding it would be a good idea to incorporate this group into the local league structure as a Colts team – a tour to the UK is planned for 2008. Tomas Birnie was selected to

represent Argentina in the Americas Cricket Academy to be held in 2008.

**The Women's team** participated in the first ever ICC Americas tournament held in Canada. For many of the players it was their first exposure to international competition with a small number of the team having toured New Zealand in 1998. Estaban MacDermott was impressed with his team's performance and was very positive towards the future of women's cricket. He firmly believed that the women needed more exposure to match situations, and competitive cricket was a key towards their development. He was also impressed by the team spirit and commitment shown by the players, never giving up

and fighting all the way to the end of the match. Although the team was unable to achieve any victories, there were some very promising performances from a number of the players.

The final day of the tournament involved the Americas X1 team vs Trinidad and Tobago. Cecilia Birnie and Veronica Vasquez were selected from Argentina for the Americas team. Both players performed well with Veronica Vasquez taking a wicket and assisting in a run out. Nevertheless, Trinidad and Tobago proved too strong for the Americas team.

Dirce Yuli was the pick of the Argentine players in the 20/20 mixed matches played, scoring 34 not out and picking up the Player of the Match award.

Cecilia Birnie, Veronica Vasquez and Delfine Canton were selected to represent Argentina at the Academy to be held in the West Indies in 2008.

## [BAHAMAS](#)

The Bahamas have just got back from Canada playing as the first affiliate nation ever to put a U19 team in the World Cup Qualifiers. It was an excellent experience for all the boys and with a bit of extra luck and a bit more depth in our batting, we could have come away with a couple of victories. Certainly it was a great experience and one we hope to build on in the next couple of years.

In the next month the new regional primary school tournament will start, as well as the brand new 5 junior sections being activated. Exciting times in youth development in the Bahamas!

## [BERMUDA](#)

The BCB is pleased to announce that Mr. Michael Glasford was selected to attend the ICC Americas Regional Scorer Education Program. The course is designed for experienced scorers aiming for The Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers (ACUS) accreditation. The BCB was allowed to nominate one representative to

participate and Mr. Glasford was chosen because of the length of his scoring career, which began in 1968, and his international experience in the field. In addition, he was not available to take part in the ACUS course which the BCB ran earlier this year.

## [U13](#)

The BCB has announced that they will take part in the U13 Regional Invitational Cricket Festival to be held in St. Kitts and Nevis (August 20<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007). This is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual festival and the only competition of its kind in the region. The team will compete against nine other national teams from around the Caribbean, giving them the opportunity to play against and interact with their peers from throughout the Islands. As it is a squad in development, all players will get a chance to play in at least five games.

## [BRAZIL](#)

It's been a busy month in Brazil. Thanks to a gracious financial grant from the MCC, the decayed artificial turf surface in Curitiba has been replaced and a new net installed, both of which will be put to the test when the Brazil women's team hosts the Argentina women's "A" team in a series of matches over four days in early September.

In Sao Paulo a six-a-side between the Brewery Boys and eventual winners Ganges Gators was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> at SPAC, at which a number of new players turned up, which bodes well for the national 20/20 tournament slated for mid-November, as some regular players may be absent for the Tri Nations tourney in Buenos Aires at that time.

Meanwhile in Brasilia, Pakistan Ambassador Haroon has built an artificial wicket in the area behind the Pakistan embassy, which proved large enough to stage a proper cricket match between the Candangos and the World X1 on the 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Pakistan's Independence Day. The new pitch played very true, and the match featured three ambassadors, all of

whom enjoyed fine performances. Ambassador Shanta of Sri Lanka led all bowlers with 2 for 34 off 5 overs (and scored 27\*), Ambassador Haroon scored a fine 31, while Australian Ambassador Peter Haywood's 18 helped the World X1 to 159 runs and victory with 2 overs to spare. Honourable mention goes to Brazilian Victor Oliveira's 1-15 off 5 overs. Expect to hear more of this name in the future.

Finally, your correspondent participated in the ICC Americas first ever Scorers Seminar, held in Toronto on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The course was run by ACU&S instructors Lynn Allen and Lesley Morgan. The Americas region was well represented, with experienced scorers from several countries taking part, and all participants learned a great deal about this often neglected part of the sport. Many thanks once again to the ICC for continuing to take the initiative to raise the standards of all aspects of cricket throughout the Americas.

## [CANADA](#)

### [U17](#)

The 2007 Western Canada Under 17 cricket event was held at Hugo Ray Park, home of the West Vancouver Cricket club, who were great hosts, from August 20 to 24. Two B.C. teams were joined by teams from Alberta and Manitoba.

ICC Development-Americas donated trophies and prizes which were won as follows:

Most Runs – Manny Aulakh, B.C.North  
Most Wickets – Hamza Paracha, Alberta  
Best Fielder – Ahadullah Khojizada, Manitoba  
Best Wicket Keeper – Michael Perera, B.C. South

### [Final Table](#)

Alberta – Gold  
Manitoba – Silver  
B.C.North – Bronze

### [Training Session in Calgary](#)

A U23 and U18 program of training started in May and will continue throughout the summer. Sessions consist of the fundamentals of the

game. Emphasis will be on technique development, using video analysis. Fitness and nutrition will also be highlighted. The players will be put through their paces by designated CCA Elite Coach for Alberta – Rathan Moorthy.

### **Other News**

The Canadian Cricket Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Pubudu Dassanayake as the new National Coach effective October 1, 2007. Pubudu emigrated to Canada from his native Sri Lanka in 2001. His first class cricket playing career totaled 108 matches, including representing Sri Lanka in 11 Tests and 16 One-Day Internationals, primarily in the role of wicketkeeper/ batsman. He also represented Canada in 2005 and 2006, captaining the national team in 2005.

The CCA concluded an agreement with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for five of Canada's promising young cricketers to attend a four-week program at the National Cricket Academy of the BCCI during August. The five youngsters – Nawy Sihota, Akash Singh Brar, Neil Saini, Nitish Roenick Kumar and Sanjam Suri – were selected by the CCA's Junior Coordinator in conjunction with provincial Junior Coordinators. Ben Sennik, CCA President said "We're doing everything in our power to give local young cricketers the opportunities to hone their skills".

### **CHILE**

#### **National Development Officer**

Argentine cricketer, David Mauro, has been confirmed as the Chilean Cricket Association's new National Development Officer, replacing Englishman John Davies, who returned to Sussex CCC at the end of the 2006-07 season. Mauro, a useful all-rounder, has recently spent a season playing and coaching in New Zealand as well as working as a Development Coach for the Argentine Cricket Association. He is expected to bring a huge amount of enthusiasm to the post and his native fluency in Spanish is expected to be a big boost for the Junior Development Program. Mauro arrives in Chile on September

5<sup>th</sup> and will get to work immediately, taking charge of the growing school development program and organizing the inaugural U13 School Cricket League. It is expected to be a busy season for junior cricket in Chile and the Chilean Cricket Association is confident that David will be the man to take things forward.

#### **Lincoln Cricketers get new Kit**

Lincoln International Academy's U13 cricket team are back in training ahead of the launch of the new Santiago School Cricket League in September. The hardball league means that the school's young cricketers will be taking the step up from softball cricket, with a new kit to mark the occasion. Although apprehensive of the change, the players are looking forward to the challenge that the new form of the game will present and can't wait to start using the brand new kit!

#### **Metro Cup**

This season's tournament will see the arrival of two new teams to our Metro Cup league. Estacion Central and Vina del Mar will be joining the four already established teams and we're sure that this expansion of our premier league to six full teams will provide extra competition and fun for the season ahead.

#### **Women's Cricket**

The Chilean senoras are warming up to our wonderful sport, and we're pleased to announce that the very first fixture of women's cricket has been organized for the first half of the season. Santiago and Vina del Mar will have the honour of this historic occasion, which we hope will develop into much more than an annual affair.

#### **Website**

Thanks to our friends at anacondaweb.com we have a wonderful new look website. Check us out on [www.cricketchile.cl](http://www.cricketchile.cl) for all the news and information on cricket here in Chile. Soon to be fully bilingual, we aim to bring the game even closer to the Chileans and the Spanish speaking world.

So, it's all go down here. If anyone would like to come and tour down here between October and April, please drop me a line on

[ghooper@cricketchile.cl](mailto:ghooper@cricketchile.cl). We'd love to host you and are sure you won't be disappointed.

### **COSTA RICA**

Indoor nets are starting with a view to getting in shape for the trip to the Second Central American Championships to be played in Mexico in November and the start of our season in December.

The ICC Umpiring and Scoring Seminar in Costa Rica was attended by representatives of Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, Peru, Suriname, Turks & Caicos. It was followed by an informal meeting at which Tiffany glass was presented to Richard Illingworth in recognition of over 20 years of service to cricket in Costa Rica.

"The Illingworth Trophy" will be awarded annually for contribution to cricket in Costa Rica. The trophy was awarded to Mark Rhys at the AGM in August. Mark has served stoically as umpire and Treasurer for many years and this is much appreciated.

A new Executive committee was elected at the AGM in July and we are moving forward with a number of projects which have been on the back burner. One such project is the appointment of a development officer. This is subject to funding, and we need someone who can spend time with the new recruits (they have good hand-ball-eye-coordination but need some pointers).

### **FALKLAND ISLANDS**

The Falkland Islands Cricket Association celebrated their admission in June as an Affiliate member with a 6 match tour of the United Kingdom between July 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The tour was a mixture of 20/20 matches, 40 over matches, and one unlimited overs match, with all matches commencing in the late afternoon and concluding in the English summer twilight where the touring team was treated to perfect cricket weather for the tour duration.

The tour was a success both on the field and off, with excellent contacts made with the opposing Clubs,

including promise of reciprocal tours. On the field, the tourists won two, tied one and lost three with these matches being close.

## MEXICO

Although the rainy season means that no cricket is being played in Mexico until early October, the new executive have been busy. There have been some major changes to the teams in the hope we will see more competitive matches and an overall raising of standards in the upcoming Brian Gay Trophy, which will see Reforma take on the renamed clubs Eagles, Ocelots and Jaguars.

## PERU

### Peru gains ICC Affiliate Membership

This has been a long process that can be traced back to the first South American Cricket Competition held in Buenos Aires in 1995, which featured Argentina, Brazil and Chile as well as Peru. These four countries are the co-owners of the South American Cricket Championships, a popular and successful tournament that has now been held seven times, four in Buenos Aires, twice in Lima and once in Santiago.

The first time in Lima (the third) was in 1999 and this led to the development of a second ground at Markham College to add to the first at Lima Cricket & Football Club. The short season (February to March) has become a vibrant affair over the years, full of competitive cricket played every Sunday, and for many years capped with the visit of a touring team (or teams) over the Easter weekend from Florida, Chile or Brazil. There are regular annual fixtures including the Ambassador's X1 v President's X1 at LCFC and a match between an Indian & Pakistan X1 v the Rest of the World X1. The seventh South American Championship was held in Lima this year. The four Lima clubs have an annual 20-20 tournament as well as a series of other competitive matches. It was with this basis that we gained the confidence to try for affiliate membership.

We see this as a stepping stone to future development of cricket in the country. Our formal competitions continue to go from strength to strength. We are applying for recognition by the Peruvian government. A member of our committee has recently attended the introductory ICC umpires training course in Costa Rica and will attend further courses abroad as well as conducting them here. We hope to attract professional coaching so that we can introduce more Peruvians to the game.

## SURINAME

### Cricket News from Nickerie

The SCB together with the Nickerie Cricket Association, held a cricket training session in the last week of July in Nickerie. It was a three day session where 15 umpires were trained. With this training it is expected that umpiring will be of a higher level. The training was done by A. Nasrullah, assisted by C. Bonar. Both followed the training that was given by ICC Americas.

### Cricket compulsory in Colleges

The Institute for the training of college teachers have decided that starting in the next school year, cricket will be taught as a compulsory subject in the curriculum of the colleges. A cricket training course is currently being presented by the SCB which will consist of 32 hours training, both theoretical and practical. The lessons and examinations will be presented by the Coaches of the SCB. Mr. Mahadeo Sukhdeo will head the training course.

For the advanced level students of the colleges, there is special extra training which will be held each Saturday for 16 weeks, in the SCB building. The lessons have already started on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

With the introduction of cricket as a compulsory subject in the higher level teachers training Institute, the SCB sees this as an important achievement which will further develop cricket in Suriname.

## TURKS & CAICOS

The Turks & Caicos Islands Cricket Association has named several experienced players in a 24 member training squad to start preparation for the Stanford Twenty/20 Cup to be held in Antigua early next year. Several members of the squad have been retained from the past team, which took part in the International Cricket Council sponsored Division 3 tournament last year in Suriname. A number of younger players also caught the eye of selectors. The squad is therefore a mixture of youth and experience. The squad should begin training in a few weeks. From this squad a final thirteen, including a captain and vice captain, will be chosen to represent the Turks & Caicos national team at the tournament.

Meanwhile, the Association is preparing to employ the service of a qualified coach who will be working with the team to prepare them for this very important cricket event on the West Indies calendar. The squad will be training in Grand Turk and Providenciales.

## New Territories

### EL SALVADOR

A training and playing schedule was released. Activities start in August and run through October. An international match against Mexico in December is also on the planning board.

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