



NewsFlash

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The ICC Americas family would like to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the relatives and friends of the Tsunami victims. You are in our thoughts and prayers and have our full support in your time of healing and recovery.



World Cricket Tsunami Appeal Match

The ICC has announced that a two match one-day series between an ICC XI and an Asian XI will be the main attraction of the international cricket community's efforts to support the victims of the Tsunami that devastated countries across the Indian Ocean.

The first match will be played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Australia on January 10, 2005 with the return leg to be played in a venue to be selected by the Asian Cricket Council sometime in February or March.

The money raised from the Australian fund raising efforts will go to assist the global relief and development organization, World Vision, which is dedicated to helping children and their communities worldwide. Affected areas include ICC Full Members Sri Lanka and India, Associate member Malaysia and Affiliate members Thailand, the Maldives and Indonesia.

Latest news on the first game:

- The 80,000 capacity MCG is just about sold out for the January 10th match.
- Ricky Ponting (Australia) will skipper the ICC XI with Sourav Ganguly (India) leading the Asian Cricket Council XI. Bob Woolmer will coach

the ACC XI and Steve Waugh the ICC XI.

- The match will be telecast in 122 countries, reaching millions of fans. In the Americas Sony Entertainment will telecast the game. In the Caribbean the broadcaster will be the Caribbean Media Corporation.
- Travelex, a global foreign exchange company, has pledged Aus.\$1 million to the appeal.
- Total donations to date to top Aus. \$14 million.

ICC Americas urges all of our readers to contribute to World Vision's relief effort.



For further information on World Vision or to donate directly to its relief fund, visit

International www.wvi.org
Latin America www.visionmundial.org
U.S.A. www.worldvision.org
Canada www.worldvision.ca



South American Championship

The Guyana Masters led by former W.I. test player F. Bacchus, captured the sixth SAC held in Chile, December 9-12, 2004.

The Guyana Masters defeated Puerto Rico in a run filled match at the beautiful Craighouse ground. Over five hundred runs were scored as the Masters coasted to an easy victory. Current Canadian national player Sunil Dhaniram and former U.S. national Paul Singh together with Rudy Latchmann and Bacchus proved to be a formidable team that went undefeated in the tournament.

Argentina "A" defeated Chile for the bronze medal.

Outstanding individual performances were recognized as follows:

Player of the Tournament:

Rudy Latchmann (Guyana Masters)

Batting : Paul Singh (Guyana Masters) who scored 3 centuries.

Bowling: Esteban MacDermott (Argentina "A")

Fielding: Sunil Dhaniram (Guyana Masters)

Most Promising Player:

16 year old Luke Phillips (Chile "A")



Luke Phillips

The Chilean Cricket Association did a magnificent job in hosting this event, which was the largest (8 teams) and most successful to date.



F. Bacchus

Paul Singh



ICC Cricket World

This review and highlights of the previous week in the cricket world is now available in over 148 countries around the world. Check with your local broadcasters for details and times –

- Latin America - ESPN
- Caribbean - Caribbean Media Corp.
- Canada/USA - Fox Sports World
- Canada - CBC

ICC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AWARDS

Details of the criteria, nomination process and application form are available on the ICC website at www.icc-developmentawards.com

Regional nominations close on January 31, 2005. All nominations must be approved by National Associations.

MEET THE REGIONS

In this issue we would like to introduce you to our friends at the ECC (Europe) and to wish them a Happy and successful New Year.



L to R: Denise Farrell-O'Neill (Accounts and Project Officer), Philip Hudson (RDO), Louise Kent (Project Officer) and Richard Holdsworth (RDM)

Visit them at www.ecc-cricket.com



ARGENTINA

The month of December proved to be a very busy month in Argentina with St. George's College hosting the first ever Pampero Junior Tournament which took place December 6th to 10th. It was also an important month for the Argentina A team who took part in the 6th South American Championship in Chile.

The **First Division Championship** was won by a spirited Lomas Eagles side beating the St. Albans Sharks comprehensively.

The **Second Division Championship** was won easily by the Old Georgians who were unbeaten throughout the competition.

The **Junior Under 15 League** is still in progress and is currently being led by St. Albans, followed closely by Lomas A.C.

The **6th South American Championship** was held in Santiago de Chile from December 8th to 12th. The Argentine A side did well winning two out of three matches in their group stage, only failing to reach the final with a narrow loss against the Guyana Masters. The Argentina A side did well against the Guyana Masters and were the only team that managed to restrict the Masters for less than 300 runs, bowling them all out for 183. The Argentina Cricket Association would like to extend a warm vote of thanks to the Chilean Association on an excellent tournament.

The annual **Pampero (Under 16) Junior Tournament** was hosted by St. George's College from December 6th to 10th. The tournament comprised of four teams with the Australian Emus, Natal Midlands – South Africa, St. George's College and an A.C.A.X1 – Argentina.

The visiting sides were hosted in the friendly setting of the prestigious St. George's school in the southern suburbs of Buenos Aires and also at the tranquil and sporty Hurlingham Club to the city's north.

Given the festival's 50-over format, each team had plenty of time to accumulate substantial

totals. In the final against Natal Midlands, the Emus used their full complement of overs intelligently, keeping out the strike bowlers early then launching later on. As for the Argentine players, their compliments flew as fast as some of the Emus mighty strikes. "These guys are tough", said Billy MacDermott, captain of a representative Argentine side. "They taught us how to regroup and capitalize or 'cash-in' when on top".

The rewards were inspiring; another culture, another land, another language. Mixing it on the cricket field brought respect for different abilities and the post-cricket soccer matches were just as fun and willing. The closing ceremony at St. George's school as the sun set was a perfect send-off. The various captains expressed their thanks and the boys prepared for home laden with trophies, swapped items of cricket clothing, and wonderful memories.

The Argentina Cricket Association would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere sympathy to all those affected by the recent Tsunami in Asia. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost loved ones.

BRAZIL

Sao Paulo wins it again:

For the third time in the past four years, Sao Paulo CC are the Brazilian Interstate champions, thanks to back-to-back victories on the final weekend of the season. November 13 saw them hosting Parana CC at the Clube AB in Sao Paulo. The next day, Sao Paulo hosted Brasilia CC at the Sao Paulo Athletic Club, the country's oldest and largest ground, and home to a fine collection of Brazilian cricketing memorabilia. Batting first, Sao Paulo put up close to 200, 98 of which came off the bat of league batting champ Greigor Caisley. Despite the excellent wicket and the chance to repeat as league winners, Brasilia folded in reply, managing less than 100, thanks in part to tight bowling from all-rounder of the year award winner Sunny Randolph.

Brazil looks good in Chile:

While Sao Paulo has traditionally supplied the bulk of players for the national team, this year many of the country's top names were unable to take part in the 6th South American Championships, held in Chile in early December. Despite a good opening day win over the Andean Masters, Brazil came up short against Puerto Rico and Chile. Standout individual

performances included captain Matt Featherstone's 88 against Chile, and Rohit Khemani bowling 8 overs in his bare feet in the same game (blisters!). Even though Brazil finished out of the medals, it was generally agreed we had the best looking uniforms!



(Here's the Proof: Ed)

Thanks to all the teams that participated, and to the Chile Cricket Association for putting on such a terrific event. The Brazilian Cricket Association is currently assessing the possibility of hosting SAC 7 in 2006, with a decision one way or the other expected in the next few months. The country's long domestic season starts at the end of February, and includes teams from Sao Paulo, Brasilia and Curitiba (which also features an 8-team league of all Brazilian players). A team is also being formed this year in Rio de Janeiro.

CANADA

On a recent visit to the United Kingdom, Ben Sennik, President of the Canadian Cricket Association, had discussions with several members of the ICC Management team and the newly appointed High Performance Manager Richard Done. Some of the discussions included the HP program as it relates to Canada's preparation and participation in the ICC Trophy 2005 event and future tournaments within the structure of the HP program and its funding.

Richard Done is expected to visit Canada from January 26th to 30th, 2005. Included in his schedule is a meeting with the Executive of the Association, High Performance Committee, members of the National team and a visit to the National training centre.

Plans are well on the way in preparation for the ICC Trophy 2005 to be played in Ireland starting July 2nd. Canada will play four warm-up matches in eight days in Taunton and Bristol, prior to the start of the tournament. The final

match before moving to Ireland will be against Seaton All Stars at Seaton C.C.

Death of Robert Christiani

Robert Christiani, former W.I. Test Player, died at his home in Toronto at age 85. Christiani, a right-handed batsman, useful off-spin bowler, and excellent close fielder, appeared in 22 Tests for West Indies between 1948 and 1954. He scored 896 runs at an average of 26.35.

Christiani scored 99 in his Test debut and played on the same team with such greats as Headley, Weekes, Walcott, Worrell, Hunte, Sobers, Kanhai, Gibbs and Hall.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.

From Theo Cuffy:

Hello Friends – Best wishes to everyone from the Cayman crew. We survived through the mercies of God the disaster of hurricane Ivan. Today we are grateful and slowly getting our lives back together. **Thank you for your prayers and many phone calls.** They certainly assisted us during those bleak days. We look forward to a productive 2005 taking cricket in the Americas to greater heights.

Cayman Islands Cricket Association held its Annual General Meeting on December 8, 2004 for the year 2004/2005. Following are the executive members elected –

Courtney Myles	President
Alister Carter	1 st Vice President
Stephen Best	2 nd Vice President
Merta Day	Secretary
Rajpal Hemraj	Assistant Secretary
Ian Goodall	Treasurer
Ivan Burges	Member
Hector Robinson	Member
Theo Cuffy	Member

National Team

Our National senior team has begun preparations for the Division 2 World Cup Qualifying Series scheduled for February 21st to 27th in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Our motto for this tournament is "*Winning is the only Thing*".

Heavy Rollers

CICA is rebuilding their cricket grounds devastated by hurricane Ivan. Both heavy rollers were destroyed by the hurricane. If any of our readers can assist in this project, please contact cicaadmin@candw.ky (tel. 345-945-6447).

CHILE

All-Chilean team set for Trans-Andean Tour:

On January 27th a squad of twenty Chilean cricketers will leave for Buenos Aires, Argentina, in what will be the first-ever All-Chilean cricket tour – a milestone which as recent as three years ago would have seemed unachievable.

The squad comprises players from Vina del Mar CC and Renaca CC (both all-Chilean teams from the Chilean coastal city of Vina del Mar) including club captains Jaime Pinto and Claudio Gallardo who will assume national captaincy and vice-captaincy respectively.

The squad began training in early September (2004) in preparation for the two games – against a North Development XI and South Development XI – which will be played at Belgrano Athletic Club and Lomas CC over the weekend.

Vina del Mar CC was founded two years ago, thanks to massive support from Martin Turner, Managing Director of Gasvalpo in Chile, who was the initial drive behind the club – formed by a group of employees at the company. The club trained on a weekly basis under the guidance of ACC Development Coordinator, Tim Messner, and was officially founded as a sporting club in March 2004.

As playing numbers swelled to well almost 50 over the last season, a second club, Renaca CC, was set up to ensure regular competition for the players. Vina del Mar and Renaca now play against each other every week in a 20-over competition, with both teams playing together as Vina del Mar CC in the national second division competition.

The All-Chilean national team will continue to train twice a week throughout the month before they depart on the history-making tour.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Governor's XI off to a winning start (Roger Diggle):

The Governor's XI got off to a winning start against the Commander British Forces XI in the first of a 3-match cricket series for The South Atlantic Ashes on Sunday, December 19th.

On a day dominated by the weather, the CBF's side won the toss and elected to field. Hugh Ferguson and Tony Woodhouse got the

Governor's team off to a solid start with a 37-run partnership. The Governor's XI closed their innings at 146/6 in the allotted 40 overs. Throughout this innings there had been several interruptions for squalls and the CBF's team deserve all credit for fielding in very cold conditions.

After lunch the CBF's team got off to a slow start. Tight fast bowling from Richard Marlor kept the run rate down and then Geoff Benjamin's low skidding deliveries caused the military batsmen a lot of trouble and he ended up with figures of 3 for 6 off 3 overs. The CBF's team were all out for 66 in the 21st over, resulting in a win for the Governor's side by 80 runs.



Opposing Captains during the coin toss- looks cold !!

U.S.A.

U.S. Cricket Academy Tours – Trinidad & Tobago:

USA Cricket Academy's U19's team have returned from Trinidad & Tobago after experiencing some very tough games. The team played 5 games winning 1 game and losing 4. There was no doubt that our boys were up against some real tough competition as many players fielded senior T&T players. It was good to see that the boys did not fear the challenge and gave good fighting performances to all their opponents. The downside of the tour was to see the last 2 scheduled games washed out. Manager Ashok Patel commented on the tour, saying he was extremely happy with the way the team carried themselves throughout the tour, this being on and off the field. He added that the boys were excited to learn from professionals who were available to them. Mr. Jerrard Garcia – T&T National Teams Physio & Trainer, who was contracted by USA Cricket Academy to be with the team throughout their stay, reported that he was very impressed with the physical fitness levels in most of the players. He added that if these boys were provided with more opportunities to practice throughout the year, they would become much better players. As on

previous tours, batting was the weakness in the team and the bowling and fielding were a great show, causing plenty of difficulties for the home team. None of the batsmen actually got going on the tour and this is really what let the team down in their games. There was simply not enough runs on the board for the bowlers to defend.



US Cricket Academy at Queen's Park

ICC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

CLOSING DATE IS JANUARY 31,2005

Categories:

- Best Overall Cricket Development Program
- Flicx Junior Cricket Initiative
- Best Women's Cricket Initiative
- Best Cricket Promotional Program
- Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative
- Photo of the Year
- UNAIDS Award
- Volunteer of the Year
- Lifetime Service Award

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**Get those nominations in before
JANUARY 31,2005**



Northern California Cricket Academy

PHOTO OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Winter Cricket – Northern California

By Jamal Arif, Falcons Cricket Club

The insatiable thirst of the Bay area cricketers for playing cricket throughout the year led to the formation of 25-over per innings Winter League that appears to be on the course of being roaring success. Eight eager teams appeared from nowhere to register to play in the relatively balmy California winter.

The 14 and 15 year olds together with players in their teens and early 20's participating, are vivid examples of the development of indigenous talent. It is a healthy reminder that cricket is alive in California and taking roots. This bodes well for the future of the game in the U.S. and especially Northern California.

The 36 matches played so far have produced a ton of runs and excitement galore.

Rain or sunshine, the Bay area is enjoying a healthy dose of cricket in the winter that is stirring up passions and enticing the lethargic amongst the cricketing merry band to also don their whites and enter the fray.

ICC AMERICAS DEVELOPMENT

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