



ICC Americas



NewsFlash

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ICC Americas announce Regional Umpiring Panels

The ICC Americas region is pleased to announce the formal creation and implementation of Elite and “A” Umpiring Panels. Officials selected to these panels will be used for regional tournaments as well as receiving specialized advanced training.

Primary panel selections remain in place until March 31, 2007 after which, on review and evaluation, panels will be re-announced before April 30, 2007 for the two-year period until the end of March 2009.

The following umpires have been selected for the ICC Americas Elite Umpires Panel:

Elite Panel

Bayney, Karran	Canada	Brijcoomar, Ashook	Canada
Butler, Randall	Bermuda	Dill, Roger	Bermuda
Patel, Kantilal	Canada	Francis, George	Bermuda
Smythe, Hubert	Cayman Islands	Young, Courtney	Cayman Islands



Brijcoomar



Young



Patel



Bayney



Dill

The following umpires have been selected for the ICC Americas “A” Umpires Panel:

“A” Panel

Douglas, Steven	Bermuda	Harnett, Lester	Bermuda
Henry, Mike	Canada	Kantharatnam, Shantikumar	Canada
Manders, Walisfort	Bermuda	Miller, Kenneth	Cayman Islands
Samaroo, Chabienauth	Cayman Islands	Sivanadian, Ruben	Canada

ICC Americas panel umpires will be used to officiate in official ICC Americas regional tournaments, including senior WCQS tournaments, U19 WCQS tournaments, as well as regional U15 tournaments, and any official international and regional matches and tournaments as deemed necessary that fall under the authority of the ICC Americas Development program.

As well as the two above-mentioned panels, ICC Americas will, in due course, also be finalizing the formation of a "Development Panel" which will encompass selection for all remaining eligible umpires in the Americas region from all member countries. The Development Panel will be divided equally into three sub-regional panels, for North America, Central America & Caribbean, and South America respectively. This will form the first step on a regional Americas umpiring pathway. Also, umpires from the Development Panel will be used as and where possible in ICC Americas events and other related cricket events in the region, as well as occasionally having the opportunity to supplement "A" Panel duties.

Congratulations to those umpires selected for the first ICC Americas regional umpiring panels.

More information on regional umpiring will follow in due course.

ICC Americas Championship Schedule

The new format for the senior title of the Americas will kick off in Suriname February 13th to 20th. Four countries - Suriname, Turks and Caicos, Brazil and Chile will compete in Division 3. The winner will be promoted to the next stage – Division 2, to be held in Argentina in April.

For Brazil and Chile it will be their first appearance at an ICC Americas sanctioned tournament.

The winner of Division 3 will join host Argentina, the Bahamas, Belize and Panama to see who qualifies for the Division 1 showdown to be held in July in Toronto, Canada.

About the Stanford 20/20 Tournament

The Stanford 20/20 Tournament is the brainchild of Antiguan businessman and developer Allen Stanford. The tournament will take place in the summer 2006 and feature 19 Caribbean countries all vying for the top spot and top prize of US\$1 million.

The Stanford 20/20 will be a single elimination knock out competition where the winning team will receive US\$1million and the second place finisher US\$500,000. The cricket boards of the top two teams will receive US\$200,000 and US\$100,000 respectively, which must be used toward the development and improvement of the cricket facilities in those countries. In addition, the Man of the Match in every game will receive US\$25,000 and the Man of the Match in the final game will receive US\$100,000. Three ICC Americas members have been invited to take part – **Bermuda, Bahamas and Cayman Islands.**

In order to create an atmosphere for each of the nations to excel within the tournament and to ensure their long-term development, Stanford has included over \$5 million in support for them, financially and otherwise. Each country's governing cricket body will receive US\$100,000 to be used for facilities improvement, training and other development of the team and its members. An additional US\$10,000 stipend per month will be given to support the players and coaches, and US\$5,000 per month will be disbursed to be used strictly for maintenance and upkeep of each country's facilities. Stanford will also be hiring two full time nutritionists and four professional athletic trainers to travel around the region regularly in order to train the teams and assist them wherever needed.

Stanford has enlisted the support of 14 cricket legends who will act as ambassadors for the tournament, advancing the philosophy behind the event, assisting with the promotion of the competition throughout the region and supporting the participating countries. They are: Clive Lloyd, Lance Gibbs, Ian Bishop, Sir Everton Weekes, Desmond Haynes, Courtney Walsh, Sir Vivian Richards, Sir Garfield Sobers, Gordon Greenidge, Joel Garner, Wes Hall, Richie Richardson, Curtly Ambrose and Andy Roberts.

The tournament is scheduled to begin in July 2006. For more information, contact the organizers, Kelly Holding Ltd. - email: info@KellyHolding.com



ARGENTINA

South African Country Districts tour of

Argentina

South African Country Districts completed a successful 10 day tour of Argentina, winning all five matches. The local players gained valuable experience and performed well against some tough opposition.

North vs SACD (Hurlingham)

The SACD made a disastrous start in response to their target, losing some quick wickets. Gary Savage (3 for 19) left the visitors in trouble at 38/3. However, some intelligent batting from E. Swarts (61 not out) led the SACD to recovery and helped guide them to a five wicket victory.

South vs SACD (Corimayo)

SACD won the toss and elected to bat first, scoring a solid 245/9 in their allotted 50 overs. The South struggled in response to some tight bowling and good fielding, being bowled out for 120 in 41.1 overs, giving the visitors their second victory by 125 runs.

A.C.A. Presidents XI vs SACD (Corimayo)

SACD batted first and made 197/9 in 40 overs. S. Nino (4 for 31) and I. Maraj (3 for 27) were the best of the local bowlers. The A.C.A. Presidents made a slow start in their response, losing some quick wickets before Ishwar Maraj (64) and Hamish Barton (20) came together to put the hosts back on track. They were well supported by Grant Dugmore (20) before a collapse led to the Presidents XI reaching 143/9 in their allotted 40 overs.

Argentina vs SACD (Hurlingham)

Argentina started their preparation for the WCQS Series 2 with a solid performance in the first international match. Argentina batted first and made 177 all out in 46.4 overs. Gaston Arizaga top scored with 62 runs and was well supported by Gary Savage (20) in a solid first wicket partnership of 52 runs. Grant Dugmore (22) then put on 50 runs for the second wicket with Arizaga to guide the hosts to a solid 102/2. Some heavy rain in the lunch interval meant that

the Duckworth Lewis had to be used and a revised total of 117 was required in 25 overs. The visitors made a disastrous start, losing wickets at regular intervals to leave them at 21/6. However, once again the visitors managed to recover with a fine innings being played by B. Swarts (62 not out) to guide them home by 4 wickets with 2 overs to spare.

Argentina vs SACD (Virrey del Pino)

In the second match played at Belgrano A.C., Argentina won the toss and elected to bat first. They made a disastrous start, losing wickets at regular intervals to leave them in desperate trouble, finishing their innings on 58 all out. SACD team cruised to a 5 wicket victory with 19 overs to spare.

Saturday Championships – Twenty/twenty league

The first ever Twenty/twenty competition was completed in December with St. Albans causing an upset by defeating the unbeaten Old Georgians in an exciting Saturday Championship Final played at Corimayo.

South once again too strong for North

The South XI once again proved too strong for the North side at Longchamps with a comfortable 8 wicket victory in the second match of the three game series. The result gave the south a comprehensive 2-0 victory with the third match due to be played in 2006.

North batted first and made a solid start with Gary Savage scoring 70 and the North finishing up with 219 all out in 46 overs.

The South got off to a flying start with some aggressive batting from David Mauro (40). Matias Paterlini (76 not out) and Charles Gibson (77) batted sensibly to set the South up with a comfortable 8 wicket victory with 10 overs to spare.

Pampero U16 Tournament 2005

The 2006 Pampero Tournament was held in December with two foreign teams (Natal Midlands and Ligbron Academy – South Africa) participating against two local teams (North and South). The final was contested between the Natal Midlands and Ligbron Academy, played at Corimayo.

The 2006 Pampero Tournament will be held from December 9-16th in Buenos Aires. For

more information on this, please contact Gary Savage on cricketargentina2004@yahoo.com

The Argentina Cricket Association would like to wish all cricketing countries in the Americas Region, all the best for 2006. May it be a great year for you all and may the development of this wonderful game go from strength to strength.

BELIZE

The Harrison Parks National Cricket Competition will commence on January 28 and 29, 2006 with the annual cricket marathon, which will be held in Double Head Village.

Belize will host the first ever Central America Cricket Tournament from March 18 to 20, 2006. National teams from Mexico and Costa Rica have already confirmed their participation.

Belize will also host an Atlanta team from March 10 to 12, 2006 and will participate in the Americas Senior WCQS tournament 2006 – Division 2 being held in Buenos Aires from April 2 to 9, 2006.

BERMUDA

Bermuda names Janeiro Tucker as skipper for the UAE Tour

The team:

Janeiro Tucker (Captain), Irving Romaine, Dean Minors, Dwayne Leverock, Saleem Mukuddem, Kevin Hurdle, Ryan Steede, Jekon Edness, Stephen Outerbridge, Azeem Pitcher, Jim West, Hasan Durham, Jacobi Robinson, Stefan Kelly, Lionel Cann. Gus Logie (Coach), Elvin James (Manager), Daniel Morgan (Physio), George Francis (Umpire).

BCB announces appointment of Academy Director

The Bermuda Cricket Board (BCB) announced the appointment of former Cup Match captain and Bermuda international cricketer **Wendell Smith** to the position of Academy Director. Wendell is currently employed as Principal at Paget Primary and is expected to join the BCB in early April.

The BCB has developed a 4 year strategic plan to cement their deserved standing as an elite

Associate country. The major objectives of this plan are:

- a. Be competitive at the CWC 2007
- b. Win the ICC Trophy in 2009 and therefore re-qualify for the CWC 2011
- c. Establish a new era of cricket across the country through developmental programs, youth schemes and infrastructure upgrades.
- d. Increase enjoyment and participation of all those in the game.

The Academy Director is a key element to the successful accomplishment of the last 2 goals and will also play a part in the objective of winning the ICC Trophy in 2009. Wendell brings to the BCB a wealth of cricketing knowledge, administrative excellence and he obviously brings an abundance of talent and wisdom regarding the school system and how best to implement an enhanced and comprehensive schools cricket program.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

It was a rough but exciting year in the Cayman Islands as we came to grips with the complete devastation of our country by hurricane Ivan. Be that as it may, it was a successful year as Cayman Islands Cricket Association fulfilled all obligations.

Awards Function 2005

Money Express Division 1 - National player Pearson Best of Police Cricket Club won both National Cricketer of the Year and International Cricketer of the Year awards. Pearson was in terrific form during his international appearances where he missed scoring a century (99 n.o.) against Zambia in the WCQS Division 2 held in Malaysia and also plundering an excellent half century against Kuwait in the WCQS Division Plate final, taking Cayman Islands to 5th place in the tournament. It is only fitting that Police Cricket Club won the Money Express Division 1 league title, riding on the excellent form of Pearson and captain Ryan Bovell.

Money Express Division 2 was won by Cayman Brac Cricket Club.

CICA Money Express Youth Cricketer of the Year - Marc Chin

CICA Money Express Cricketer of the Year - Pearson Best

Christopher and David Wight retire

This is a story book that can be found in any Caribbean country or anywhere fathers and mothers introduce this lovely game to their children. With a history of relatives actively involved with cricket at the highest level and a father who saw cricket in the same breath as oxygen, these guys began at an early age of 4 in their backyard. Playing their first game for a Cayman Select team, way back in 1974 at the ripe age of 15, a career with a passion exceeding everything provided opportunities not only to play the game they loved but to travel around the world. After representing Cayman Islands for 30 years, David and Chris announced their retirement from international cricket in July 2004, but will continue in local cricket, passing on their vast knowledge to the youngsters.

CICA was proud to present to Chris and David the 2005 Appreciation Award for outstanding contributions to the development of cricket in the Cayman Islands.

Other News

CICA Annual General Meeting was hotly contested allowing our democratic process to work as several positions were challenged, including that of the president. In the end, the incumbents were returned for another year of leadership.

Cayman Islands were included in the innovative **Stanford 20/20 tournament**. Like all the other countries, we welcomed the involvement of Mr. Stanford in his efforts to bring glory back to the West Indies. The plans included an attractive development program with assistance from some of the legends of West Indies cricket. Richie Richardson, former West Indies captain is the legend attached to the Cayman Islands. **Way to go Stanford!**

Local cricket begins on January 14th as the League champions of Money Express Division 2, Cayman Brac Cricket Club plays The Rest, to be captained by the Grandmaster Jimmy Powell. On Sunday January 15th. Money Express Division 1 League champions, Police Cricket Club led by national captain Ryan Bovell, takes on The Rest captained by national vice captain Steve Gordon. The league matches begin the following weekend.

Best Wishes Americas for 2006!

CHILE

Las Condes riding high after 1st round of Metropolitan Cup

Tournament favourites Las Condes are topping the Metro Cup table at Christmas after an exciting first round of games came to an end earlier in the month. While Las Condes look certain to have booked a spot in this season's final, it will be a closely fought battle between La Dehesa and Santiago to see who will challenge them for the 2006 Metropolitan Cup title.

Grange Festival marks the end of successful school season

Two hundred children from ten schools gathered at The Grange School on Friday December 3rd to play in the third annual Grange Cricket Festival – the traditional highlight of the school season for the ACC. The festival was a huge success with girls screaming, dubious bowling actions, boys launching themselves head first at the crease, one-handed thumps, the ball flying away for overthrows – everything that embodies the unique spirit of the game here in Chile. The event was the largest of its kind to have ever taken place in Chile and capped another successful season for the ACC school program, launched in 2003.

Nunoo Municipal project back on track

Despite suffering some early setbacks, a municipal cricket project is due to be re-launched in early 2006 in the municipality of Nunoo. The ACC will work together with the municipality's sporting directive to introduce the game to PE teachers from twelve of the area's state-run schools. Following this, the schools will be provided with kit and other resources and encouraged to include cricket in their sporting curriculum.

Chile begins search for NDO

The ACC has begun its search for a replacement for current National Development Officer, Joseph Williams. Williams' tenure as NDO comes to an end in June 2006 and the Association is keen to ensure that the momentum which has been gathered for development continues well into 2007.

Potential candidates should visit the Cricket Chile website for full details of the position or email the ACC Development Committee to cricketchile@gmail.com

Dozens turn out for Impact Cricket Camp

Over forty children of varying ages and backgrounds took part in the first 'Impact Cricket Camp' organized jointly by the Youth with a Mission organization and the Chilean Cricket Association. The camp was run during the first week in January and based at the YWAM grounds in Lonquen, Santiago. The project was overseen by local cricketer Miguel Angel Hernandez who was full of praise for the ACC.



CUBA

Teams from Pinar del Rio and Havana qualified for the National U15 tournament. Teams from the Eastern, Central and Western zones will compete in February for the national title.



Cuba to host 2006 Development Forum

Talks are underway to stage the 2006 Development Forum in Cuba. This event will help to raise the profile of cricket in Cuba among the local authorities and general population.

Providencia hold on to 2nd Division Title

While Providencia can celebrate their second straight title, Vina del Mar will be busy organizing the 2nd Division Sixes Competition – set to be hosted at the Valparaiso Cricket Club in April – where they will be hoping to overturn their defeat. A full report of the 2nd Division final can be found on www.cricketchile.cl

Cricket proves a hit at PWCC Summer School

Cricket became an instant hit at the Prince of Wales Country Club as more than one hundred children aged six to thirteen were introduced to the game as part of the club's highly successful summer activities program. The sessions are run by newly qualified local coaches – many of whom are PE teachers at schools where cricket had previously not been introduced. A further hundred children are also expected to take part before the program finishes in mid-February when the ACC will be hoping to build on its relationship with the Country Club following the summer's success.

Our thanks to the following for their contributions this month:

Gary Savage (Argentina); Elston Wade (Belize); Neil Speight (Bermuda); Theo Cuffy (Cayman Islands); Joseph Williams (Chile); Leona Ford (Cuba).

Deadline for submitting articles and photos (compressed and in JPEG format) is the 25th of each month. Email to: admin@cricamericas.com

FINAL NOTICE

The deadline for nominations for the Regional Development Awards is January 31, 2006

All nominations must be approved by the National Body and sent to our Toronto office by the closing date.

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