



NewsFlash NewsFlash

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ICC Development Program 2004 Regional Award Winners

The ICC has announced the regional winners of the ICC Development Program Awards 2004 with prizes awarded to entrants from 26 countries throughout the developing cricket world.

This is the third year of the ICC Development Awards, which were instigated to recognise exceptional performance and service to the game in countries outside the ICC's 10 Full Members. They form part of the ICC's commitment to promoting excellence in cricket development in its 82 Associate and Affiliate member countries.

Congratulations to our regional winners and thanks to all who nominated persons or projects. Good luck in the Global contest !

Americas Regional Winners

Best Overall Cricket Development Program

Flicx Junior Development 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

Manitoba Cricket Association (Canada)

Littleton Cricket Academy – Dan Ruparel (USA)

Ave Mogan – Canadian Womens Cricket Association

Over the Boundary – Chilean Cricket Association

Andrew Ewbank (Costa Rica)

Ponytail W/K – California Academy (USA)

South American Championships (Chile)

Norman Baldwin (Brazil)

Maurice Runnacles (Argentina)



ARGENTINA

U15 Tour of South Africa - As tipped in January, the national Under 15 Argentine squad departed on a 15 day, seven-game tour to South Africa in February. The tour was a stunning success for both cricket and personal development.

Tour manager was the esteemed St. Albans College coach Maurice Runnacles (winner of the Americas Lifetime Service Award) and Argentine Cricket Association CEO Gary Savage acted as assistant manager. It was the third time a junior Argentine squad had toured South Africa. The boys were left breathless at the spectacle of the 4th ODI at St. George's Park between South Africa and England. None had ever seen an international match before.

Results: Two wins, four losses, one draw.

U19 North v South - The best Argentine players at the Under 19 level came together for two matches under the "North & South" banner. The first game at Corimayo Oval to the south of

Buenos Aires was played over three days and resulted in a comprehensive win for the South.

The second fixture was a 40 over affair at the Hurlingham Club and featured two wonderful centuries. The North XI's Julian Villarino compiled 109 to guide his side to 253 for 7. In reply, the South slumped to 4 for 47 before batsmen/keeper Hernan Williams smashed an incredible 130 not out. His team managed just 172.

Touring Team- The Menorcans (all British expatriates) were hosted by Hurlingham, Belgrano and St. Albans and the visitors enjoyed the hospitality more than the cricket, losing two and drawing the last due to a heavy downpour mid-afternoon.

Local League - Domestic cricket will crank up in March as the four 1st Division clubs gather their resources for a fling at the championship.

Annual Game

The 106th version of this annual classic cricket match, one of the world's oldest unbroken (except for two world wars) sporting series, stretching back to 1891, was played at the Athletic Club, Belgrano. With three overs left on the third and final day, the North needed only three runs to win with three wickets in hand.

After three days of methodical batting and tight bowling, it had come to this. They did not achieve it.

The South scored 276 for 8 before declaring; the North replied with 260 for 6 and then the fun started. The South collapsed on the morning of the final day and limped to 157 all out by mid-afternoon, leaving the North 174 to chase with a minimum of 37 overs to be bowled.

With skipper Donny Forrester stroking an effortless 75, the North looked home and hosed. Indeed, with 7 overs remaining, they required just 28 runs with seven wickets in hand. But the pressure told – Diego Lord ripped through the middle-order (to finish with 4 for 59) and with one over left, the North still required one run to win. No run could be taken from the first five deliveries and then the sixth was top-edged to the keeper...game over, scores level!

ICC Americas RDO Grant Dugmore, playing for the South, was an important part in the outcome of the game, scoring a ton (116 not out) in the first innings and bowling a maiden final over on day three!

BAHAMAS

Cricketers in The Bahamas came together on Sunday, January 30, 2005 with a Tsunami relief charity cricket match played at Haynes Oval under the auspices of the Bahamas Cricket Association (BCA). The match was organized as a fundraiser with an Asian X1 comprising cricketers of Asian origin locking horns with a BCA X1 which included top players from the various teams who play in the Bahamas cricket league.



The match was held under the distinguished patronage of Sir Orville Turnquest, former Governor General of The Bahamas. Other invited guests comprised a number of dignitaries including Hon. Frederick A. Mitchell, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Sir Arlington Butler, President of The Bahamas Olympic Association.

As cricket is the most popular sport in India and Sri Lanka, natives of those nations who play here in the league decided this would be one of the ways to help the victims in their countries as they begin to rebuild their shattered lives following the most destructive tsunami in decades.

The B.C.A. XL won the toss and elected to bat. B.C.A. kept up a steady run getting pace and scored 324 runs for the loss of 8 wickets. O. James top scored with 62 and Guillard 54. Bowling for Asis, Jeremy Jesubatham took 4 wickets for 67 runs in 8 overs. Asia opened up the batting with the left handed sensational Narendra Ekanayake, the Best batsman in the Association for the past two years! The fans were not disappointed as Ekanayake came out with a flurry of scoring shots, everyone perfectly executed. Asia was on a hot pace to achieve the score put up by the B.C.A. XL but could only muster 285 runs for the loss of 8 wickets. Ekanayake topped scored with 111 runs and N. Singh 77 not out. O. James took 3 wickets for 17 runs in 2 overs.

At the conclusion of the match, awards were presented to O. James for the best batsman, best bowler and “Man of the Match”. Throughout the day contributions were collected around the ground and over \$3,000 were collected for the relief fund. The day was truly a great success!

BERMUDA

World Cup Preparation

Four games in Trinidad and a triangular tournament in Florida are now part of the \$250,000 plan to get Bermuda into the Cricket world Cup. But despite a \$130,000 grant from government, a major question mark hangs over the entire programme, with the Bermuda Cricket Board desperately seeking a corporate sponsor to bridge the \$120,000 shortfall.

BCB chief executive Neil Speight is hopeful the remaining money can be found from corporate Bermuda, especially with the carrot of massive World Cup sponsorship exposure dangling for any company interested in getting behind Clay Smith's men.

Bermuda's national cricket team should be fitter and healthier than ever for this summer's critical ICC Trophy battle in Ireland. In keeping with now-accustomed global sporting practice, the Bermuda Cricket Board (BCB) have for the first time recruited a physiotherapist, Daniel Morgan, and a nutritionist, Arlen Andrews. These two are busy whipping captain Clay Smith and company into shape, ensuring the island's players are physically prepared to seek untold glory for their country in trying to qualify for the 2007 Cricket World Cup. Both experts applauded the positive mindset, which players have adopted to improve their physique and fitness ahead of the July qualifier for the 2007 Cricket World Cup.

At present, the squad train three days per week at Olympic Club, run four miles on Fridays and have cricket training on Saturdays and Sundays with interim coach Wendell Smith.

CANADA

Canada names support staff for ICC Trophy 2005

Colin Siller and Derek Perera have been added to Canada's support staff for preparation of the tour to England and the ICC Trophy 2005 to be played in Ireland July 1-13, 2005. Colin is

expected to arrive in Canada March 10th. During his period with the team Colin will assist Rupert Gomes, the team's present coach, focusing on the technical aspects of bowling, batting, wicket keeping and fielding. His first presentation to the players will be on the new ball. Colin joins the team with a vast amount of experience in coaching both in England and Ireland. Derek Perera has represented Canada at both the Junior and Senior levels and is the holder of both an ECB and West Indies Level 1 coaching certificates. Derek will lend his support to the team with state of the art technology and his experience as a Kinesologist and coach.

Ave Mogan elected Captain

Ave Mogan, Canada's best female cricketer has been selected Captain of the first ever Canadian Women's cricket team. Ave has played competitively for her club in the Premier Division in the Toronto & District League (Canada's premier senior male league) and has on occasion captained the CD Wilson X1, an all male senior team. She was also a member of the North American X1, which participated in the West Indies women's Championship 2003 in Grenada.



Anne Davis



Ave Mogan

The team under the management of Anne L. Davis (Manager) and Frank Persaud (Coach) will travel to Jamaica to participate in the West Indies Women's Cricket Federation annual senior regional tournament to be played in Kingston from July 16th to 31st.

Canada to assist with USA Umpire Training

Kantilal Patel, Canada's Umpiring Coordinator as one of the ACU&S Overseas Umpiring Instructors for Canada, will conduct a Level 1 & 2 Umpiring Course in Florida March 26th & 27th. Kantilal conducts training courses on a regular basis across Canada. The course in Florida will be based on Code 2000 and the D&L method.

CCA presents National Coaching Certification Program

Canadian Cricket Association will conduct two National Coaching Certification courses in Vancouver March 5th and Toronto March 26th. The new National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) has been specifically designed to train coaches to meet the needs of the specific participants/athletes they are working with. This competency-based approach will enable coaches to return to their coaching environment with specific skills that can be implemented immediately. Coaches will learn to teach appropriate skills, plan safe and effective practices, and design meaningful season plans. Cricket has decided to train coaches in two streams: Community Sport Stream and Competition Stream.

CHILE

Teachers from St. Peter's School and Lincoln International Academy were put through their paces as Chile ran its first ICC Introduction to Cricket Course. Further courses are planned for the Grange School and Vina del Mar Cricket Club.

Chile's first municipal cricket project was set in motion at the beginning of the month as directors from the municipality of Nunoa gave the green light for cricket to be introduced to municipal clubs and schools over the coming years.

"Rapido Cricket"- ICC Americas' own brand of plastic cricket equipment - arrived in Chile this month to ensure that new clubs and schools have sufficient resources to offer cricket to their children.

A cricket program has been started up in Pitrufquen (Southern Chile) by former San Bernado CC captain Miguel Angel Hernandez. Visit their website www.cricketchile.cl for more details on this and all other events happening in Chile.

CUBA

Youth Cricket Flourishes

On January 30th the U13 Junior Festival "La Edad de Oro" celebrated its closing ceremony at Eduardo Saborit Stadium situated in Playa, Havana City. San Miguel del Padron won the series of matches that began on October 30th and is kept on every other Saturday in different communities.

A U-15 tournament was inaugurated to be held every other Saturday, to conclude on April 4th - Pioneers and Youths Day.

President of the Cuba Cricket Commission Lic. Leona Ford and Treasurer Melba Smith visited Isle of Youth with the objective of checking the actual condition of the cricket club and field project in this special municipality. The project is set in a recreational complex centre. The guests were accompanied by the Director of the complex, Jesus Tabares, Daniel Garcia - President of the Isle of Youth Cricket Group, and other authorities involved in the development of this project. They expressed their will of working together with the ambition of being the best territory in the development of cricket in Cuba.



MEXICO

League Play – The cricket season is in full swing in Mexico with the league championship shaping up to be a close run affair. MCCC are the early pace-setters, although the other three teams (Aztecs, Reforma, and Tigres de Bengala) are all only one win behind, so there's definitely all to play for in the second half of the season.

Six-a-Side – The MCA six-a-side tournament at the end of January was a great success, so much so that the excellent turnout required that it be hastily renamed the MCA Sevens. Brian Heath's team were the eventual winners, their 75 runs off only 7 overs (that included a maiden!) in the final proving too hot for the opposition. One of the main aims of the day was to recruit new members to the organisation, and in total had the pleasure of welcoming 11 new players to Mexican cricket this month alone. The Sevens' tournament was also marked by the presentation of a cheque to British Ambassador Mrs. Denise Holt, and Alison Lane OBE, manager of the Juconi Children's orphanage in Puebla. The money was raised at the previous year's Spring Ball, and is just one part of the MCA commitment to forging strong links with the local community and raising the profile of cricket here.



Feature Match – February also saw the inauguration of a (hopefully) new tradition for the MCA – the annual Asia vs Rest-of-the-World fixture. The 176 runs off 25 overs posted by the Asia team proved too much for the ROW who couldn't break out of the shackles of some fine Asia bowling, thus ensuring that the Asia team retain the trophy for the second year running.

New Flicx Pitch – The MCA took delivery of a Flicx pitch this month, their first item to be purchased with ICC development funding. With this MCA will be establishing coaching and training programs for the rest of the season, hopefully taking cricket out of the current home and directly into schools and other associations where they can spark the interest of youngsters and locals alike. As reported by Chris Wood,

“we would not have been able to afford this purchase without the funding of the ICC, and wish to express our gratitude for their commitment to assisting the development of cricket in Mexico”.

PANAMA

Ismael Patel reports that cricket has started with 18 teams competing for the Copa Panama (Cup). The final game in the competition is scheduled for May 1, 2005.

The Panama Cricket Association will also host an international tournament from May 8-12 featuring teams from Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston, Atlanta and Panama.

USA

Colorado Cricket League (by Jarrar Jaffari, President CCL) Contrary to the common belief, cricket has a long history in the Rocky Mountain area. There are accounts of cricket being played since 1869. Colorado School of Mines, Golden Colorado, formed their cricket team in 1873. The English immigrants of Denver had formed two cricket clubs: St. George's Association and the Albion Club. By 1880 these clubs were organizing regular cricket matches in Denver. About 75 miles south of Denver the town of “Little London” (modern day Colorado Springs) formed a cricket team and had organized a game with a team from Denver. The event was very well advertised and is the first cricket match in the recorded history of Colorado.

Here is what on August 24, 1888 the Weekly Gazette of Colorado Springs reported in its sports section:
“The long expected, much advertised and talked of game of cricket has at last been played and lost by Colorado Springs”. The reporter noted that the day *“was a perfect cricket day and the players were further encouraged by an extremely liberal and gratefully appreciative attendance”*, and the team *“stopped some hot balls in good style and had them in to the wicket keeper in lightning order”*, but the Denver team *“composed of gentlemen and good cricket players beat the home team by 36 runs”*.

After almost a century of that game, cricket in the centennial state took a giant leap, when Mike Reily and Vinod Malhotra along with some friends started what we now call “Colorado Cricket League”. CCL has seven member clubs and eight teams. We are very hopeful that this year we will add one more team. In 2005 CCL will concentrate on investing its time and energies in popularizing cricket among young Coloradans.

North Texas Cricket Association (by Srinadh Madhavapeddi)

It was the summer of 2001 when John Boaden first stepped on a cricket field in North Texas. John was quite delighted to learn that a flourishing league had taken shape in the Dallas area. He started his cricket, playing in Nottinghamshire in England, went on to play the game at a high level, then donned the role of umpire at county 2nd X1 level with distinction before going on to become a coach and administrator in various capacities, the most recent one being organizer of the Cayman Islands National Side.

One of the first people he got to meet was a gentleman named Anwer Shababuddin, a veteran of the cricket leagues of Toronto and North Texas. Anwer happened to be an ACU&S Certified First Class Umpire with vast experience in India, Canada and the USA and thus was forged a most meaningful partnership that would transform the league in terms of the quality of umpiring. Their initiative consisted of four distinct aspects – Education, Certification, Enforcement and Mentoring. The result? NTCA currently has 220 NTCA members as Level 1 Umpires and 10 of them as Level 2.

All this has transformed the quality of officiating in these parts. More significantly, players who have passed these exams appreciate the nuances of the game more, are better behaved and often times understand the predicament that the gentlemen in the white coat are under.

Good umpiring is the cornerstone of any successful league. Thanks to John, Anwer and their team, NTCA has nothing to worry about on this front.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

(report from Roger Diggle)

Governor's X1 Regain the Ashes

The Governor's X1 regained the South Atlantic Ashes on January 23rd after taking an unbeatable two-nil lead in the 3-match 40-over series between the Falklands cricket team and the CBFSAI X1. The balance of the game swung to and fro throughout the match until, finally, the Governor's X1 just came out on top when the CBFSAI X1 were bowled out for 110, whilst chasing a target for victory of 121. The Governor's X1 were, at one stage, on 42 for 4 in the 15th over but managed to struggle, posting a modest 121 runs.

The CBF's X1 suffered an early blow, chasing a modest target of 121 for victory. The CBF's team scored at a higher run rate than the Governor's team, but continued to lose wickets steadily.

In the 18th over, the game swung decisively back in the Governor's team's favour when Hugh Ferguson got the important wicket of Cooper, caught by Mike Summers, for 43 runs. Finally, in the 32nd over, the CBF's team were all out for 110, off 32 overs, meaning the Governor's X1 had won by 11 runs, had taken an unbeatable two-nil series lead and had regained the South Atlantic Ashes, which they last won in 2000.

Hat Trick for Governor's X1 in Ashes series

The Governor's X1 took the South Atlantic Ashes 3-0 in the series by beating The Commander British Forces X1. In perfect cricket weather the Governor's X1 lost the toss and were put in to bat. Hugh Ferguson and 13 year-old Scott Reeves made a tremendous start with a 68 opening partnership lasting 21 overs. Derek Reeves scored an impressive 77 not out with some superb shots. The innings closed with the Governor's X1 having scored an impressive 221 for 3 off 4- overs.

This left the CBF's team requiring a run rate of 5.55. They got off to a very bad start with both opening batsmen out bowled by Richard Marlor and Hugh Ferguson for 0 in successive overs. Hogan and Hanrahan stabilized the innings and were scoring at an impressive rate. Their partnership put on 76 in 13 overs until Hogan was caught by Chris Gilbert off Derek Reeves' bowling. Hanrahan was out for 58. Their efforts fell short as the Governor's X1 took the match and series.

The man of the match was Derek Reeves for his magnificent 77 and 2 wickets; Hugh Ferguson was man of the series. Special mention should be made of Scott Reeves who, at the age of 13, performed superbly as an opening batsman.



ICC Americas Development Forum

The 2005 Forum will be held in Costa Rica April 29 to May 1. Please note this year the Forum has been extended by one day to allow for an administration course and discussion papers on future tournaments. More details will be issued in early March.

Articles for NewsFlash

We wish to remind you that articles and photos (compressed and in JPEG) are required by the 25th of each month.

Our thanks to the following for their contributions this month:

Elliot Cart (Argentina); Greg Taylor (Bahamas); Neil Speight (Bermuda); Calvin Clarke and Kevin Boller (Canada); Joseph Williams (Chile); Leona Ford (Cuba); Chris Wood (Mexico); Ismael Patel (Panama); Jarrar Jaffari and Srinadh Madhavapeddi (USA); and Roger Diggle (Falkland Islands).