



### Americas Championship – Division 3



Suriname clinch Division 3 title

Suriname proudly claimed the ICC Americas WCL Division 3 title on home soil with a convincing 7 wicket win over the Turks & Caicos Islands. There were scenes of jubilation amongst the players and large crowd of spectators alike, as Suriname reached 152 for 3 with a huge six from Shazam Ramjohn, thus passing the disappointing 148 all out set earlier by the Turks.

Victory not only meant the Division 3 title, but also passage into the forthcoming Division 2 tournament to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in April, where they will meet the hosts Argentina, the Bahamas, Belize and Panama.

In the other game of the day, played at the brand new Axwijk Sports Centre field between traditional South American rivals Chile and Brazil, the impressive Chileans claimed third place with a crushing 10 wicket win in a game reduced to 36 overs per side due to rain. On a slow and variable pitch, Brazil struggled to 88 all out, a target which the two star Chilean batsmen Paul Hollis (46 not out) and Simon Shalders (24 not out) knocked off with somewhat surprising ease in only 14 overs.

A memorable event closed with a dinner attended by various dignitaries, including government ministers and ambassadors, where the following individual awards were made:

- Player of the Tournament: Sanjay Meghoe (Suriname)
- Batting Award: Simon Shalders (Chile)
- Bowling Award: Surujpaul Mangal (Suriname)
- Fielding Award: Shazam Ramjohn (Suriname)
- Spirit of Cricket Award: Matt Featherstone (Brazil)

Final Standings:	P	W	L	NR	Pts
1. Suriname	3	3	0	0	12
2. Turks & Caicos	3	2	1	0	8
3. Chile	3	1	2	0	4
4. Brazil	3	0	3	0	0

## Development Awards 2005

Nine different Associations shared the 2005 DPAA and will now go on to compete with the other regions in the global final.

The Bermuda Cricket Board, armed with a sound four-year plan stretching from a revamped school structure to a national senior squad heading for the 2007 WC, was awarded the “Best Overall Development Program”

The “Photo of the Year” category attracted the most entries, several coming from last year’s winner – the California Cricket Academy – but it was a lone entry from the Cayman Islands that captured the judges attention because it best captured the essence of cricket development in action. “Keep your eye on the ball” is a basic coaching and development principle. This young batsman demonstrates he has understood his coach’s command as his eyes are totally focused on the ball he is about to hit.

Richard Illingworth of Costa Rica was awarded “Volunteer of the Year”, not only for his work with the CRCA but for assisting ICC Americas in many other areas.

Mr. Brian Gay was given the “Lifetime Service Award” for devoting over three decades to cricket in Mexico.

Congratulations to all who sent in entries. Africa and the Americas had the most nominations. RDM Martin Vieira in congratulating the winners commented “The nine winners and other nominees are only a small group of the hundreds we rely on to spread the development of this wonderful sport. With our large geographical area crossing many cultural and language barriers, volunteers are essential to our success in developing cricket in the “new world”. To the winners, a well deserved recognition, but to all volunteers I extend our appreciation and gratitude for your efforts”.

## Busy Schedule ahead for Bermuda/Canada

The Americas region teams Bermuda and Canada will have a busy schedule as they prepare for WC 2007.

In May – Canada, Bermuda and Zimbabwe will play an ODI tri-series in the Caribbean.

In August – the two teams will be joined by Kenya as they play two matches in Toronto against each other.

Late November/early December – they will be off to South Africa for another ODI tri-series with the Netherlands.

In January 2007 – Kenya will host the ICC World Cricket League.

Finally in February 2007, the two teams will be joined by Bangladesh in the West Indies for another ODI tri-series.

## Intercontinental Cup 2006

This year the format has been changed to a four-day first class match in two divisions of four teams:

July 29-Aug.1	Canada vs Kenya (Toronto)
Aug.12-15	Canada vs Bermuda (Toronto)
Nov. 9-12	Kenya vs Bermuda (Kenya)
Nov.21-24	Holland vs Bermuda (South Africa)
Dec. 5-8	Holland vs Canada (South Africa)

## Stanford 20/20 Schedule Announced

Three Americas region teams take on the giants of the WICB. We know at least one team will advance to Round 2!

### 2006 Match Schedule

July 11	Bahamas vs Cayman (Match 2)
July 21	Jamaica vs Bermuda (Match 10)
July 25	Trinidad vs Winner Match 2 (Match 11)



## ARGENTINA

The month of February proved to be a very busy and successful one for the Argentine Cricket Association. The month was highlighted by the first win of an Argentina national side against the MCC since 1926/27.

### Results of Games

#### **ACA. Presidents X1 vs MCC**

MCC - 179/8 in 40 overs (Andy Flower 38)  
ACA – 154/9 (Gary Savage 47)

#### **Result: MCC won by 25 runs**

MCC – 307/8 in 50 overs (Mike Gatting 40,  
Billy MacDermott 5/40, Anthony McGrath 102)  
ACA - 169/9 in 50 overs (Diego Lord 53 n.o)

#### **Result: MCC won by 138 runs**

MCC – 143/7 in 30 overs (Gary Savage 4/16)  
ACA - 144/4 (Charles Gibson 49 n.o.)

#### **Result: Argentina won by 6 wickets.**

### Hampshire Hogs Visit

The Hampshire Hogs cricket club completed a successful two week tour where they played seven matches, winning four and losing three games respectively. Highlights of the visit are as follows:

Gary Savage (62 runs) – ACA Presidents X1  
Charles Gibson (88 n.o) – Lomas a. C/Hurlingham  
Gary Savage (108 n.o.) – Lomas a.C./Hurlingham  
Gary Savage 5-0-24-4 - Lomas A.C/Hurlingham  
Donny Forrester (92 n.o) – St.Albans/Belgrano  
Diego Lord (77) – Buenos Aires X1  
Gary Savage 6-1-14-4 – Hurlingham/St.Albans  
Gary Savage (71) – St. Georges Invitational X1

### Robin Stuart Shield

The Robin Stuart Shield is tightly poised heading into the last round of fixtures with the Hurlingham Hawks needing victory over the Belgrano Cavaliers to claim the title.

St. Albans Sharks will play the Lomas Eagles to decide third and fourth place.

The Robin Stuart Shield has been highlighted by two excellent innings from Marc Roberts (112 n.o) and Heman Williams (90 runs).

### Second Division Championship

The Old Georgians and St. Albans have remained unbeaten in the Second Division championship with three out of three victories. They will face each other in March which will decide the champion of this season's title.

There have been some encouraging performances from the junior players at all the respective clubs.

For the latest news on Argentina cricket, please click on our website [www.cricketargentina.com](http://www.cricketargentina.com) or contact us via email on [cricarg@fibertel.com.ar](mailto:cricarg@fibertel.com.ar)

### North vs South

The annual North versus South three day match – the highlight of the Argentine season – was declared a draw as rain washed out all play. The North was scheduled to be captained by Gary Savage with the South led by national team captain Billy MacDermott. George Sharp, former English test umpire, was all set to call the wides and no balls.

A real disappointment in this the 200<sup>th</sup> year of cricket in Argentina.

## BRAZIL

### Brazil competes in ICC tourney in Suriname

Brazil recently took part in the Division 3 ICC World League of Cricket tournament held February 13-19 in Paramaribo, Suriname. While Suriname may not have appeared too often in the cricket press beforehand, this will likely change as the country has now proved itself a regional stronghold. Long-time rivals Brazil and Chile both took themselves out of contention through heartbreaking losses to the Turks & Caicos and Suriname in their opening matches (details are on the ICC website), which perhaps resulted in the lackluster affair when the sides finally met, with Chile winning easily. Despite its record, Brazil turned in two excellent performances, holding Turks & Caicos to just 142 in game 1, and making 251 against the hosts in game 2.

Paramaribo's Snellen Park is a superb ground, whose turf/clay wicket held up extremely well, and with a large covered grandstand filled with noisy fans it's also a great place to be a spectator. Anyone who was there will not soon forget its wonderful atmosphere.



Thanks to heavy rains in the weeks preceding the tourney, our hosts had only a week to prepare the grounds, and worked tirelessly to make the event such a success. One ground, in fact, was virtually built from scratch.

For all their efforts and warm hospitality, Brazil extends its heartfelt gratitude. Thanks are also due to ICC Americas Development Officer Grant Dugmore who oversaw every last detail to ensure things ran smoothly. In the end Suriname were worthy winners, and Brazil wish them well in the next round in Buenos Aires. With its strong player base and excellent facilities, we'll be hearing about Suriname for years to come.

#### Brazil wins Regional Award

Our school program in Parana has captured the ICC Americas "Best Junior Cricket Initiative". We thank the ICC Americas for their support and pledge our continual efforts to promote cricket in Brazil.

## CANADA

#### Canada's National Coaching Certification Program

Stephen McKay, an Australian married to a Canadian, has been living in British Columbia for several years. This elementary school teacher and cricket enthusiast, is a driving force behind the local coaching program.

The Canadian Cricket Association already had a recreational program named "Kanga Ball", based on an Australian model that Stephen helped to create. It was now time to develop the Participant Development Model (PDM) and Coach Development Model (CDM), select a stream and a context, and adapt the different materials in order to create an eight-hour training workshop for the initiation context of the community sport stream. This training is aimed at coaches who work with entry-level participants. It was a challenging task, but our adventurer brilliantly passed the various steps that led to the Context Approval Process of the cricket program context at the end of summer 2005, just a day before he returned to Australia.

Congratulations Stephen McKay, and good luck in your new life back home.

## CHILE

#### Cricket in Iquique

An electrifying game of cricket to determine the best team in Iquique was played between the Indian and Pakistan communities, on an improvised sports field in the northern parts of the Playa Brava beach. The makeshift nature in cricket in Iquique owes much to the fact that the development of the game has only recently begun and there is still a real lack of

infrastructure. In the end, the final was won by the Indians, after a match which lasted more than four hours.

Cricket in the northern mining town of Iquique is not an entirely novel concept. In the late 1880s, when the British community were synonymous with the area's booming nitrate industry, several games were played amongst the expatriate community. Iquique was also the birthplace of brothers Maurice and Arthur Jewell who both went on to represent Worcestershire at the beginning of the twentieth century.

#### Santiago cruise to Cup victory

Santiago made it two pieces of silverware in twelve months as they added the inaugural Bruce Phillips Cup to last season's Metropolitan Cup title. Played to the twenty over format which is currently taking the cricket world by storm, Santiago saw off Metro Cup leaders Las Condes in the semi finals before strolling to a 10 wicket win over La Dehesa to claim the first Bruce Phillips Cup.

#### PWCC to host Junior National Team training

Long-time patrons of the Chilean Cricket Association, the Prince of Wales Country Club, have once again pledged their support of junior development in the country by offering their exceptional facilities for the national U13 and U15 squad training sessions. The Country Club will be opening its doors to the junior players on Wednesday evenings throughout March and April, and the club has also confirmed its interest in hosting junior international fixtures throughout 2006.

#### ACC appoint new NDO

Former Sussex U12s coach Gideon Sutcliffe has been named as Joseph Williams' replacement as National Development Officer. The ACC were thrilled to have agreed terms with the Englishman, who will bring huge amounts of experience to the post as Chile look to push for Associate status of the ICC by 2008.

#### Busy season for Chile's junior cricketers

The Falkland Islands and Argentina have both confirmed their plans to bring junior sides to Chile in April and May. The Falkland Islands Cricket Association will be sending across a U17 team for a three game series over the Easter weekend, whilst Argentina bring their U13 and U15 teams for the annual Andes Cup encounter.

The U15 Transandean fixtures could be played under the banner of the ICC Americas U15 Sub-Regional tournament (South America), whilst the U13s will be playing in the third edition of the highly successful Andes Cup.

### Cricket Chile in national media

Chile's appearance in their first ICC tournament has attracted widespread media attention. Leading daily newspapers La Tercera and El Mercurio have both published articles previewing the Surinam tournament, whilst TV station Metro TV have requested footage from the event to broadcast as a highlights program.

### RDO runs first ICC Introduction to Cricket Course

Regional Development Officer for the Fifth Region, Patricio Caamano, has run his first ICC Introduction to Cricket course since gaining his coach education certificate in Mexico City at the 2005 ICC Americas Coaching and Development Seminar. The course was run for 12 participants at the Casa del Deporte complex in Vina del Mar and, as become the standard for coaching courses in Chile, Caamano concentrated on the basics of Pinguino Cricket, the ACC's own modified version of the game.

## CUBA

### Courtney Walsh in Jamaica

Former great W.I. fast bowler Courtney Walsh paid a visit to Cuba to assist the Cuba Cricket Commission by evaluating coaches and players. His visit was tremendous motivation, both to local players and administrators. Mr. Walsh made several recommendations and promised to return in the near future.



### U.K. Sports Delegation

A U.K Sports delegation headed by Andy Sellins, Director of Programs, and Brian Breese, official of the Jamaican Cricket Association, visited Cuba from February 16th - 23rd, with the objective of assisting the Cuban Cricket Commission in their development program.

### U15 Tournament

Western, Central and Eastern U15 teams took part in a qualifying tournament in Havana from February 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

## MEXICO

The last Sunday of January was witness to a veritable festival of cricket in Mexico City, as no less than 8 teams competed in the MCA Sixes tournament. Regulars MCCC, Reforma, Aztecs and Tigres de Bengala were joined for the first time by teams from the Lancaster School, Edron School and the British Council and Embassy, with Nick Dale's Redoubtable Spitfires making up the eight. The format was straight knockout, and apart from Reforma who lost to tournament favourites Tigres, the other two senior teams made it safely through to the semi-finals, where they were joined by Lancaster School who battled past the joint British Council-Embassy six. Unfortunately the newcomers came up against the Tigres and despite giving their all, the favourites won through in the end after a game battle.

The event proved extremely popular with players and spectators alike, and surpassed our expectations in terms of the number of new faces seen at the ground. There are already hints of a rivalry building up between the new teams, and we hope to stage one or two full 'friendly' matches before the end of the season between them. It also marked the beginning of what we hope might be a flowering of women's cricket here in Mexico, as two of the teams competing were not exclusively male – and ignoring some unfounded rumours and slanderous sledging in the past, I believe that marks a first for cricket in Mexico. Let's hope that with more events such as these we can generate enough interest to spark a full-scale revolution.



Anne Flaherty (batting) and Kate Smith prove that cricket in Mexico is not just for the boys.

## PANAMA

The Panama Cricket Association started its season in February with sixteen teams competing. The Copa Panama tournament runs from February to April and features a U19 team playing against senior teams.

Panama has selected their 14-man squad to take part in the Americas Division 2 championship, scheduled for Argentina April 2 to 9, 2006.

## PERU

Cricket in Peru is finally attempting to become official. An excellent start has been made to the season with three competitive games being fought out over the past three weeks. A general meeting is to be held at the Lima Cricket and Football Club on Sunday March 5 to vote in a constitution and a committee. Once this is done, plans are afoot to apply for ICC Affiliate membership.

There have been excess players each weekend this season in Lima (more than 2 teams) boosted last week by the arrival of Nick Appleyard (SAC 2004) and the form of Chris Abbott, current Peru vice-captain (SAC 1999, 2000, 2004), Tony Sanford (SAC 1999,2004) and Matt Finnigan (SAC 2004). We also have a team led by Javed Iqbal (SAC 1999) in Tacna. The whisper is that Gary Sargent (SAC 2004) is currently trying to put together a team in Cusco.

Jorge Pancorvo (SAC 1995,1999,2000,2004) our longest serving born and bred Peruvian is reaching the twilight of his career, so it would be nice to achieve ICC Affiliate membership while he was still playing.

Vivian Ash (SAC 1995, 1999, 2000, 2004) is heavily involved in developments and is hopeful that official status of cricket in Peru will help junior development in some Peruvian schools so that we can continue to have mini Jorges in the team in the future. Wish us luck!

Harry Hildebrand (SAC 1999, 2000, 2004) is the current captain for Peru.

Peru's National Team



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

Gary Savage (Argentina); Neil Speight (Bermuda); Grant Dugmore (RDO); Norman Baldwin (Brazil); Jack Kyle (Canada); Joseph Williams (Chile); Leona Ford (Cuba); Chris Wood (Mexico); Ismael Patel (Panama); Harry Hildebrand (Peru).

### Reminder

Deadline for submitting articles and photos (compressed and in JPEG format) is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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The spirit of the game

There are three things I know for sure.

The first is that I always put my team and the public above all else. Cricket is a team sport and I was always one of eleven men.

Secondly, I always saw cricket as a noble sport and I tried to play in the true spirit of the game. Hence, I seldom if ever lost my cool and I never questioned the umpire's decision.

Thirdly, like the greatest captain the game was privileged to see in my playing days, Sir Frank Worrell, I always believed that a captain must lead by example. A true leader cannot command his troops from behind.

*Sir Garfield Sobers*



AMERICAS WINNER - PHOTO OF THE YEAR

“Keep your eye on the ball “ Cayman Islands