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ANTIGUA TRI-SERIES

Bangladesh, Bermuda and Canada were in Antigua for a final warm up session before going on to the World Cup warm up venues.

Bermuda lost to the local National Team (Antigua) in a friendly match prior to the ODIs. Canada on the other hand defeated Antigua easily by 5 wickets 231/8 vs 232/5 with Samad getting 65 and Mulla 54 not out.

In the ODIs – Game 1 Bermuda 205/8 (50 overs) lost to Bangladesh 206/2 (37.3) (S.Nafees 104 *)

Game 2 Bermuda 206/8 (50 overs) U .Bhatti 4/45 lost to Canada 207/7 (44 overs)
A.Samad 83 , D . Borden 4/30

Game 3 Bangladesh 278 /5 (50 overs) S.Hasan 134* M.Ashraful 60, H.Bashar 57
A.Cummins 3/60 defeated Canada by 13 runs .Canada 265/7 (50 overs)
I.Billcliff 93,G.Barnett 77, A. Razzak 3/51

Bangladesh won the series with Canada as the runner up followed by Bermuda in third place.

Photo Gallery: Eddie Norfolk photos.



Ian Billcliffe 93 vs Bangladesh



S.Hasan 134 * vs Canada



L.Cann (5) sixes vs Canada

Let the games begin....



March 13 vs Kenya

March 17 vs England , March 21 vs NZ



Canada - World Cup Team 2007



March 14 vs Sri Lanka

March 18 vs India , March 24 vs Bangladesh



Bermuda - World Cup Team 2007



ARGENTINA

The month of February was a busy month for both junior and senior cricket.

The Second Division Championship got underway with Old Georgians making a strong effort, winning their first two games before Lomas A.C. upset them by 7 wickets to take the top position. Old Georgians and Lomas A.C. will go into the final round of the Second Division tied at the top of the table with Lomas A.C. needing a win against Hurlingham to claim the title.

The Robin Stuart Shield was concluded with Lomas Eagles taking the honours as they narrowly edged out the Hurlingham Hawks on net run rate. Hurlingham Hawks make a good start to the tournament with convincing victories over Lomas Eagles and St. Albans Sharks. However, they were unable to overcome a spirited performance from the Belgrano Cavaliers in the final match as Lomas Eagles recorded a comfortable win over the St. Albans Sharks to move to the top of the table.

The Club U15 league was won by Hurlingham as they remained unbeaten. Belgrano A.C. was in second place followed by Lomas A.C.

The Development Cup was won by Lomas A.C. who maintained an unbeaten record. Belgrano A.C. was in second place followed by Rosario A.C.

The First Division Championships started in the last weekend of February.

The Jim White Series (U19) was won by the South U19 who achieved a whitewash of 3-0 against the North X1.

Ignacio Redruello (South captain) was named player of the series.



Ignacio Redruello

108th North vs South – This game will be played at Corimayo from March 9-11. This year will also mark the centenary celebrations of St. Albans College. The North will be skippered by national player and ACA CEO Gary Savage. ICC Americas RDO Grant Dugmore will also be in the squad. National team captain Billy MacDermott will skipper the South. George Sharp and Jeff Ress (both from England) will umpire the match.

BAHAMAS

The Bahamas Cricket Association have completed their first ever junior league championship with Kings Real Estate being crowned champions of the U15 softball league. The other participating teams were Scotiabank, Dockendale and Scotiatrust.

The U15s will be starting the first ever hardball league on March 1st and the U13s will begin their first league later that month.

March 2nd sees the 2nd primary school championship taking place with 8 schools taking part. Naomi Blatch Primary School won the first tournament in late November beating off 4 other schools.

The Bahamas Cricket Association held their Annual General Meeting in February and we are pleased to announce a familiar name, Gregory Taylor, was elected President. Gregory is the Americas Region Affiliate Rep to the Associates meeting at the Annual Conference which is held in London in June each year. Other elected officers are: Imchran Rampersaud (Vice President), Howard Roye (Secretary) and Ravi Jesubatham (Treasurer).

BELIZE

The Belize National Cricket Association has named a new Executive for 2007/2009 with Mr. Elston Wade re-elected President, Felix Sutherland (Vice President), Llewellyn Sutherland (Secretary) and Marjorie Parks (Treasurer).

BERMUDA

Michael Holding was guest speaker at the recent BCB Cricket World Cup Banquet. It was a memorable evening for the cricketing fraternity to be able to listen to the inspirational Michael Holding, also known as Whispering Death, speak about his life as one of the world's fastest ever bowlers and as a current top cricketing commentator.

The BCB was pleased that this gave the country a final opportunity to see the national squad before they departed for the World Cup on February 19th.

CANADA

Canada's World Cup squad departed February 21st to begin its quest in CWC 2007 to be played in the Caribbean. The team will first participate in the Tri-Series tournament with Bangladesh and Bermuda. These matches will be played in Antigua from February 25. On completion of the Tri-Series the team will travel to Trinidad for its pre World Cup warm up matches against Pakistan and Ireland. The team will be captained by John Davidson, record holder for the fastest hundred in a World Cup tournament. His vice-captain is World Cricket League MVP Ashish Bagai.

Alberta Schools C.A. founded in 1995 is now entering its second decade of their junior development program for players within the school system, both male and female. The program has enjoyed tremendous success through the efforts of all its coaches, parents and teachers, ably led by their head coach Christie Marathalingham. This past year saw the youngest combined schools team participate in Premier League cricket in Edmonton.

Austin Ward has been made Honorary Chairman of the Toronto & District C.A. After 37 years in administration and various other portfolios within cricket in Toronto and Canada, Austin has decided to step down. He served on the Board of Directors of the Toronto & District Cricket League from 1973 to 2002 during which time he filled the positions of Treasurer, Selector, and at one time Parks, Practice and Facilities. In 2004 he was elected President and served in that capacity until his retirement from the Board.



Austin Ward outstanding service to cricket in Toronto and Canada

As an administrator, former player and long time affiliate with the growth and development of cricket and cricketers in Canada, Austin has made a difference and will long be remembered by all for the calm and cool manner in which he conducted his undertakings. Part of his legacy to cricket in Ontario will be the preparation of the turf wickets at Maple Leaf C.C. where he has been Manager for the past year. The facility is now one of the ICC approved ODI grounds in Canada.

CHILE

The second largest cricket club in the world – **40 Club** (second only in size to the MCC) paid a visit to Chile before moving on to Argentina. They played three matches in Chile at the Prince of Wales Country Club:

Presidents X1 – 245/9 (M. Newkirk 52, R. Spur 90)
40 Club – 132/8 (T. Messner 2/18, J. Davies 2/15)

40 Club – 127 (T. Messner 4/17)
Andean Masters – 128/? (G. Hooper 44, T. Leeke 40)

40 Club – 184/8 (45 overs) R. Walker 57, I. Walker 2/15
Chilean Condors 188/4 (40 overs) G. Hooper 121*



40 Club (UK) bowling to a Chilean player at the beautiful Prince of Wales Country Club.

Other News

Chile's top Division "the Metropolitan Cup" entered their second round with La Reina defeating La Dehesa, and Las Condes defeating Santiago.

Schools cricket resumed in February after the kids returned from their vacation.

PANAMA

Fifteen teams will compete in the PCA competition this year which started in January. In addition to the senior league, six teams will take part in a U19 competition played every Saturday.

USA

Cricket and Umpiring in North Texas

Two gentlemen in the arid terrain of Texas in the USA have transformed the experience of those who play club cricket in the Lone Star State. These gentlemen are Anwer Shahabuddin and John Boaden.

Their passion for the game they dearly love, respect for its traditions, and determination to teach the laws of the game to everyone who was willing to learn, led to a revolution of sorts. It all started with the first umpiring class in a city motel on a weekend in early 2002. They had heard enough complaints about the standard of umpiring, but unlike those who complained, John and Anwer actually did something to change it. And how!

Five years and numerous classes after, the results are there for everyone to see. Over 500 people, predominantly the members of the league in North Texas, have attended the umpiring seminars. Close to 370 of those have passed and have been certified. 22 more have gone back and got themselves the advanced certification (Level 2) under Anwer's and John's tutelage. NTCA umpires have officiated in regional and national tournaments with distinction and 2 members have also gone on to Level 3 status. One is awaiting the decision of the admissions board of ACU&S as a qualified umpire member and more are being pushed towards that qualification.

"Remember, the best umpires are those who make the least mistakes", John Boaden rounds off every seminar with. What Anwer and John have tried to do is ensure that fewer mistakes are committed by the gentlemen in the white coat in North Texas, and have helped players to be aware of the stress and pressure umpires are under. This empathy has helped cricket in Dallas Fort Worth become more about the game that is played and less about the decisions that affect it.



Good cricket needs good umpiring !

New Territories



FALKLAND ISLANDS

The South Atlantic Ashes – the highlight of the cricket season in the Falkland Islands – got underway with the Governor's X1 holding an unassailable lead of 2-0 in the three match series over the CBF X1 (Commander British Forces).

Game 1

Isaac Forster recorded the highest individual score ever (158 not out) for this competition as he led the Governor's X1 to a score of 205 all out. In reply, CBF X1 fell short by 89 runs, being all out for 117 in 29 overs.

CBF X1 player Pierce scored 66 after taking 5 wickets for 11, certainly a Man of the Match performance, but Isaac Forster (Governor's X1) was given the honour for his unbeaten 158.

Game 2

The Governor's X1 won game 2 by 48 runs to recapture the South Atlantic Ashes.

Governor's X1 200 (all out 39.5 overs)
CBF X1 152 (32.1 overs) Reeves 4/34

The final game is scheduled for March 5, after which the South Atlantic Ashes will be presented to the Governor's X1 as well as the inaugural 20/20 Cup to the Mount Pleasant Cricket Club.

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