



# NewsFlash NewsFlash

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**ICC Media Releases**



### World Cricket unites to support Tsunami Relief

A two match one-day series between an ICC World X1 and an ACC Asian X1 is the centerpiece of the international cricket community's efforts to support the victims of the tsunami that devastated countries across the Indian Ocean.

The first match was played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Melbourne, Australia on January 10, 2005 and raised over US \$11 million. The second match will be played in India in April 2005.



### Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series

Sunil Gavaskar (Chairman), Michael Atherton, Sir Richard Hadlee, Jonty Rhodes, Aravinda de Silva and Clive Lloyd will choose the ICC World X1 team to take on the number one team in the world (as at April 1, 2005) in the Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series this October with US \$2.644 million on offer for the players in the tournament.

The Johnnie Walker ICC Super Series one-day matches will take place at the Telstra Dome, Melbourne, on October 5, 7 & 9 and the six-day Super Test will be at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney, from October 14-19.

### Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Ms Jenny Fairlamb (ICC Development Project Officer) who exchanged wedding vows with Dale Thornton this month in South Africa. Jenny will return to her post early in February. Hurry back Mrs.T.

### **ICC AMERICAS**



### Development Awards

A total of 39 nominations was received covering all nine categories. The regional winners will be announced on February 28, 2005. All category winners will be nominated for global selection. Global winners will be announced March 31, 2005.

### Plastic "Rapid Cricket" sets launched



ICC Americas launched a project over a year ago, with the assistance of the Argentina Cricket Association, to produce plastic cricket equipment cost-effectively in order that it could be distributed more widely and at vastly reduced cost, at production price, throughout the region.

This project has finally come to fruition with the launch of "Rapid Cricket", or in Spanish-speaking territories "Rapido Cricket" – the Americas very own brand of plastic equipment. Although still in a developmental phase, the equipment promises to be of the highest quality.

As part of the first phase of the project, each of the fifteen ICC member countries of the Americas region will receive 10 sets within the next couple of months. Chile was the first country to receive their ten sets and other countries throughout the region will be receiving theirs shortly.



## ARGENTINA

### Junior Cricket

An Under 18 squad from the Northern Province area of South Africa toured mid-January and played two excellent games against representative Argentine sides.

We also bid farewell to our Under 15 Argentina development squad on the eve of their 15 day, seven-game tour to South Africa. The boys will compete against a variety of schools, including the famous Grey College, and will attend the 4<sup>th</sup> ODI between South Africa and England.

### Senior Cricket

The annual "Parsons Cup" was played at Hurlingham in mid-January between an Under 30 rep side and an Over 30 rep side. Lucas Paterlini opened up for the youngsters and scored 71 while 15 year-old Pedro Bruno batted smartly and Billy MacDermott scored a fine 50.

The eventual total of 227 proved to be well beyond the reach of the veterans, especially after opening bowler Paul Ryan's hostile spell. Despite Grant Dugmore's stubborn 43 and contributions from Donny Forrester and Bernie Irigoyen, the Over 30s were all out for 127. Gary Savage took four wickets.

In another annual fixture – East versus West – a wonderful game eventuated at the picturesque Belgrano ground. The East scored 175 in 38 overs, thanks mainly to a sublime 45 from Donny Forrester. Grant Dugmore took 3 for 29.

In reply, Hernan Williams (33) and Elliot Cartledge (27) threatened the total but three run-outs caused a middle order collapse and West fell 26 runs short.

*Correction:* ACA reported in the December newsletter that Lomas Athletic Club won the First Division Championship. It was in fact the Robin Stuart Shield with the First Division Championship kicking off in February.

## BAHAMAS

### Coach Introduction

In November of 2004, twelve coaches from eleven countries throughout the Americas attended the first ever Americas Regional Coaching Seminar in Mexico

City. The event was a great success and participants undertook an ICC "Introduction to Cricket course" Instructor course, as well as a West Indies Cricket Board Level 1 course.

As an integral part of their accreditation for the ICC course, the participants have to run at least one "ICC Introduction To Cricket" course in their respective home countries before March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.



John Mayers was the representative from the Bahamas at the Regional Seminar, and he has achieved the honour of being the first coach in the Americas region to run an ICC Introduction To Course – well done, John.

The Bahamas course was held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and there were 33 Bahamians present, most of them primary school teachers. It is a great start to further coach education, in the Bahamas and the region, and this is what the ICC Introduction To Cricket course is designed for – to get more people out there assisting with junior cricket and coaching in their own territories, towns and communities.

Further courses are planned for February, respectively in Canada, Chile, Argentina and Brazil, while other courses should take place before the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline in Costa Rica, Bermuda, USA, Belize, Mexico and the Turks & Caicos Islands as well.

## BERMUDA

### BCB Outline plan for ICC Trophy

With the process of employing a new National cricket coach to replace Mark Harper currently ongoing, the Bermuda Cricket Board is not resting on its laurels in preparation for the ICC Trophy in Ireland this summer. In fact, a nine-month strategic plan has already been implemented since last November when the training squad was announced, with the intention of giving the players every opportunity of qualifying amongst the top five in Ireland. The major elements of the plan are outlined below:

- **Olympic Club Training**

The BCB has secured a deal with the Olympic Club Gym, which enables the Board to provide "free" membership to every National squad player. Team

physiotherapist and physical trainer, Daniel Morgan, in conjunction with Dr. Headley, the fitness consultant to the West Indies Test and ODI squads, has put together a comprehensive fitness program which all National squad players will be following throughout the winter and spring months.

- **Caribbean Training Camp**

In February the BCB is planning to send the National team to a specially designed training camp for around ten days.

- **Intra -Squad Practice Games**

Towards the end of March/early April, the National team will begin to play a number of intra-squad games using a white ball and coloured clothing.

- **Incoming Tour**

The BCB is currently negotiating with Scotland, Canada and USA to come to Bermuda for a four or five game tour in April/May.

- **Pre-ICC Trophy Tour to UK**

The squad will leave for the UK approximately 10 days before the start of the tournament on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **BCB Award 2 Scholarships to South African Cricket Academy**

The Bermuda Cricket Board is delighted to announce that two more local cricketers have been awarded scholarships to attend the prestigious University of Port Elizabeth International Cricket Academy in South Africa next week.

The opportunity this year has been granted to two young St. David's players of immense potential: **OJ Pitcher** and **Deloyne Borden**. Both young men represented Bermuda in the 2004 World Cup Qualifying Series and the ICC Intercontinental Cup last year.

### **Island Construction puts a lid on Bermuda cricketers**

The Bermuda Cricket Board is pleased to announce that Island Construction Limited has agreed to sponsor the procurement of 32 brand new cricket helmets for the upcoming season. Each of the 16 domestic clubs will receive 2 new helmets, free of charge.

## **CANADA**

### **Richard Done, ICC HP Manager, visits Canada**

The Canadian Cricket Association held a Press Conference at the Sport Alliance of Ontario Building on Friday, January 28, to introduce Richard Done, the newly appointed ICC High Performance Manager (Global Development).

This was Richard's first visit to Canada to talk with local officials and leading players and carry out coaching activities.

### **The Alberta Schools Cricket Association**

Teams are invited from around the world to the International Outdoor 8-a-Side 40+ Tournament in Edmonton, Alberta from July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. Additional activities: The World Masters Games 2005 will be held during this time in Edmonton. Final deadline for entries is Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

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### **Alberta Cricket Academy**



As with the inaugural session last year, the 2005 Academy will emphasize fundamental cricket skill development. Academy head coach Mark Duncan, a student of body mechanics, has structured a 14 week technical program that will educate and push the athletes to achieve maximum precision and efficiency in their cricket skills.

High performance fitness training will continue under the direction of the Athletic Training staff at Mount Royal College in Calgary as it did in 2004. The world class facility and staff produced fantastic results during the pilot program and expectations are high to meet and exceed those results this time around.

This year's interview process identified prospective candidates for Alberta's U19 and senior squads with future goals of selection to the national squads. It is expected that the younger athletes will continue within the program over the next 5 years, solidifying the Academy as an important step in the development of Alberta's future in Canadian cricket.

## CAYMAN ISLANDS

The Senior National Team will be leaving for Malaysia to compete in the WCQS Division 2.

Schedule: Feb.19 Teams arrive Malaysia  
21 C.I. vs Fiji  
22 C.I. vs Qatar  
24 C.I. vs Zambia  
25/27 Playoffs

*Good luck Cayman!*

## CHILE

Street Cricket takes off in Temuca (by Miguel Angel Hernandez)

- Do you want to play cricket? Play what?  
...Cricket.

It didn't take the doubters amongst the 12 children in the picturesque town of Pitrufulquen, Temuco, more than thirty seconds to decide to join in and play a bit of cricket. For most of them, it was a novelty to be playing something that wasn't football for once – on the other hand, for some it was just a game similar to that played in the street called 'bats'. And the novelty didn't wear off. In fact, soon enough some of the kids began inviting their friends to join in too.

Our equipment? A bat and old tennis ball, two chairs, a bit of chalk and we're all set to go!



But it doesn't stop there...the children formed two teams here and ever since, the Southern Lions have been taking on the 'Southern Tigers' in a series of 'pichangas' [short games] which are action-packed and over in a flash: each 'pichanga' lasts for five overs, so there is always a quick victory and immediate calls for a revenge match! Just like the true professionals, they always play with great passion.

Soon we'll be sending off for some stumps to be made by the local sawmill. I hope that the 'Tigers' carry on playing against the 'Lions' with the same intensity as our last 'pichanga' when it all went down to the last ball – with score finishing at 27-28 to the Lions.

Yep, exciting times lie ahead for street cricket here.

## All-Chilean Team set for Trans-Andean Tour

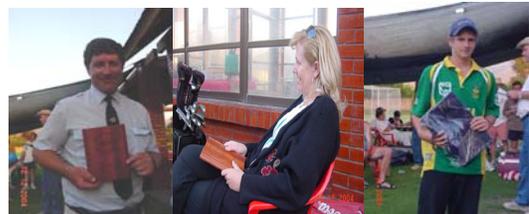
Twenty Chilean players have been in training for the last five months in preparation for the forthcoming 'All-Chilean' tour to Argentina. The team travels to Buenos Aires on January 27<sup>th</sup> to play two games against a North Development X1 and a South Development X1.

It is the first ever overseas tour by an ICC-eligible Chilean selection and is a testament to the success of the ACC Development Program implemented in 2001 to ensure the growth of cricket at all levels in Chile - especially amongst Chilean nationals and junior players.

## Farewell to loyal Groundsman, Captain and Coach

The ACC hosted a testimonial match for a man who has done incredible work for Chilean cricket over the last few years. **Bruce Phillips'** contribution to cricket in Chile was honoured with a special farewell game held at the PWCC on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, contested between the President's X1 and Bruce Phillips X1.

Bruce was employed as head of the junior school at Craighouse School, Santiago, where he worked tirelessly to oversee the installation of Chile's first purpose-built turf wicket, as well as the introduction of cricket to junior school pupils throughout the last four years.



Bruce, along with wife and dedicated scorer Lynne, and son Luke – former vice-captain for Chile's inaugural U15 national side – will be greatly missed by all those involved in Chilean cricket as they migrate back to South Africa to pursue other interests.

The ACC and ICC Americas would like to thank Bruce for his outstanding services to the game in Chile and wish him luck for the future.

## Beach Cricket Festival

Plans are underway for Chile to host the first ACC Beach Cricket Festival – set to take place on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in Chile's Vth region. The Festival will feature several friendly games of beach cricket including all the traditional rules – one-hand-one-bounce, first-ball saving grace and no LBWs – and is thought to be the first festival of its type in South America.

### **Cricket Chile in the National Press**

Following on from the successful South American Championship, cricket in Chile has received widespread media coverage including a frontpage article in the leading broadsheet newspaper and a two minute expose on Megavision – one of Chile's terrestrial TV networks.

### **Grand Plans for Cricket in Nunoa**

Sergio Gutierrez, Director Sports for the municipality of Nunoa, recently released his plans to incorporate cricket into the municipal sports program as of March 2005. The initiative will include over 20 hours of coaching by ACC Development staff each week, ICC Introductory Coaching Courses for all sports teachers and access to grounds in the National Stadium. It is a move which could potentially involve up to 5,000 children from the age of nine to thirteen and could lead the way for other municipalities to start similar programs.

### **Commitment to Cricket Development**

Directors at Lincoln International Academy reiterated their dedication to school cricket recently when they revealed that the school will be employing a part-time coach for the coming school year in an effort to improve the standard of cricket amongst its pupils.

### **CUBA**

Leona Ford reports it was a busy year for cricket in Cuba. Early in the season the Baragua Cup Club Festival was held. Six teams, four local sides from Guantanamo, Baragua, Havana, Manati, and two foreign teams from Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos took part, with the visitors from Turks and Caicos emerging the winners.

Junior cricket continues to grow in Cuba. A U15 tournament was held in Baragua with three teams. In addition to the host area, Havana and Manati supplies teams. The competition was won by the host, Baragua.

A massive junior competition "Inauguration La Edad de Oro" takes place in a different municipality every second Saturday, with six teams representing their city or school. The competition was started by the Havana City Council headed by Adolfo Tratman. When this competition ends in January, a U 13 tournament will begin and run every Saturday, concluding on April 4<sup>th</sup> with the Children's and Youth Day in Cuba.



The Annual General Meeting will be held February 10-12, 2005.

### **MEXICO**

Report from Chris Wood, MCA Club Captain:

The Mexico cricket season runs from October to June, with a break for the rainy season to blow through. All games are played at the Reforma Athletic Club, just outside Mexico City, where we enjoy fine facilities and a grass track. We believe we have one of the highest grass strips in the world, at around 2200m above sea level. The Tigres de Bengala team won the pre-Christmas competition, The Brian Gay Trophy, (named after one of the senior club stalwarts who was instrumental in reviving cricket in Mexico in the 1950s and 60s). The premier MCA competition, the MCA Championship, is played between January and June.

Apart from the league games, we have numerous social games throughout the year, as well as the occasional special event. The next of these will be the MCA Annual Six-a-Side tournament, which will take place over the weekend of January 29-30<sup>th</sup>. We are looking to use this event to attract new players to the club, and the accent is very definitely on making it an event for the family, with food, music and children's activities organized. We will also be handing over a cheque to the British Ambassador as a donation to the children's orphanage charity run by the British Embassy in Mexico.

As a very new member of the Americas cricket community, we wish to raise our profile amongst the other members. We extend an invitation to all other teams in the region, and look forward to visiting (and hopefully receiving) as many of them as possible in the coming years.

### **PANAMA**

The cricket season in Panama starts on January 23<sup>rd</sup> when twelve teams will participate in this year's Hindu tournament.

### **TURKS & CAICOS**

The Grand Turk Cricket Association's 2005 cricket competition will commence on the second Saturday of February, 2005 and will run for three months. There are three teams participating in this series of games, namely the Police, Back Salina Brawlers and a team sponsored by Cable & Wireless. During this competition a number of local players as well as expats will be playing for the teams. Additionally, a number of youngsters will be included in the teams.

Last year's competition was won by the Police who again are expected to win this year's competition.