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NewsFlash



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The Lion rules the Associate World Kenya defeats Scotland to capture first World Cricket League Division 1 Trophy



WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE – DIVISION 1

One of the final tune-ups before the CWC 2007, the World Cricket League was completed in Nairobi with the finals played on February 7 between Scotland and Kenya. Both of these countries will receive \$250,000 each and a place in the WC 20/20 to be held in South Africa later this year.

For the two Americas teams, Bermuda and Canada, it was a tough tournament. Canada finished fourth with two victories while Bermuda occupied the bottom of the table with a last day victory over Scotland, their only success of the tournament.

Canada started poorly with an 8 wicket defeat at the hands of the Dutch, as neither their batting nor bowling looked good in their opening game of the tournament. In their second match they rebounded and led by a brilliant 137 from Ashish Bagai (a new Canadian ODI record) but fell short by 7 runs chasing a target of 276. In Game 3 the battle of the Americas went to Canada in a short 21 over match. Game 4 was Canada's best of the tournament when they chased a target of 308 set by Ireland and won by six wickets with two balls to spare. Again, Ashish Bagai was the Man of the Match with a brilliant 122. In their final match

against Kenya they started well with Kenya at 14-2 but the mid order rescued the home side and posted a modest but reasonable target of 250 in 50 overs. However, for Canada to overtake Kenya in the standings they would have needed to surpass the total by the 37th over. They wasted little time in attacking and as a result, wickets fell too early and too frequently. Their innings closed under 100 with only 14.5 overs bowled.

Bermuda's batting was not successful in most games. A reasonable target of 275 was passed by Ireland with 8 balls remaining and the next successful batting effort came on the last day of the tournament when they chased down Scotland's 268 for a five wicket victory with 6 balls to spare.

Canada's hopes will be boosted by the fact that two of their outstanding batsmen, Ian Billcliffe and Geoff Barnett, will join the team for the CWC. However, their bowling attack needs to be more efficient in containing opposition batsmen.

Bermuda and Canada will join full member Bangladesh in a ODO tri-series scheduled for Antigua later this month. It is the final tune up as the teams head off for two warm-up games prior to the start of the World Cup proper in March.

CANADA and USA DOMINATE REGIONAL AWARDS

DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Canada and USA took five of the eight regional awards. Single awards were won by the Chilean Cricket Association, Bermuda Cricket Board and Brazil (John Landers).

Regional Development Manager Martin Vieira was not surprised at the results. “When you consider Canada and the USA accounted for thirty two of the total nominations, it is easy to see why the judges found both quality and deserving recipients from that large a total”.

The region for the second consecutive year had the most nominations – this year a record total of 47 were received. The RDM still feels there is room for improvement and stated “while Canada, USA and Bermuda responded well, some countries failed to submit even one nominee”. How important are these awards? “They are vital to the success of our development program. We must rely on volunteers to implement our program in their countries as without their contributions our program would not be as successful as it is,

therefore these awards are important to show the volunteers their efforts do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated by the ICC”.

ICC Development Program 2006 Awards – Americas Region

Best Overall Cricket Development Program

Chile Cricket Association

Best Women’s Cricket Initiative

Bermuda National Team

Best Junior Cricket Initiative

Ontario Junior Program (Canada)

Best Cricket Promotion & Marketing Program

CIMA Celebration of Cricket-(Canada)

Best UNAIDS Spirit of Cricket Initiative

University Games – A Sharma (Canada)

Photo of the Year

Jason Fox (USA)

Volunteer of the Year

Hemant Buch (USA)

Lifetime Service Award

John Landers (Brazil)

Global winners will be announced March 15, 2007.



Photos of the Year 1st USA



2nd Canada



3rd Argentina

WOMEN’S CRICKET

Bermuda Women’s team visit Trinidad & Tobago

The Bermuda women’s team went on a 10 day camp in Trinidad & Tobago as they prepare for their upcoming World Cup qualifier. During this camp they played five practice matches against representative female T&T teams. While the tourists were not successful in scoring many victories, the camp and matches proved to be a great experience for Bermuda and they are now able to gauge the work that is still to be done.



ARGENTINA

The Argentina Cricket Association would like to wish all the countries in the Americas Region a Happy New Year and hope that 2007 will be a great year for the region.

Pampero U16 Tournament

The third Pampero U16 Tournament was held from December 9 to 16, 2006 in Buenos Aires. This year's event attracted three foreign teams, namely Paarl Gymnasium, Natal Midlands (South Africa), Emu Chicks (Australia) and the Argentine Colts completing the tournament.

There was some excellent cricket played by the up and coming youngsters. Rain affected the final group stage of the tournament, thus helping Paarl Gymnasium into the final against the Emu Chicks. In a very close match, the Paarl Gymnasium team pulled off the surprise of the tournament by beating the favourites (and also the inaugural winners in 2004) by 20 runs.

First Division 20/20

St. Albans Sharks claimed the first title of the 2006/07 season by narrowly edging out the Belgrano Cavaliers on net run rate. Hurlingham Hawks finished in third place.

Second Division 20/20

Old Georgians claimed the Second Division 20/20 title narrowly edging out Lomas 'A' on net run rate. Hurlingham finished in third place with eight points.

Third Division 20/20

St. Albans College made it a clean sweep of trophies by claiming the inaugural Third Division 20/20 title. Bedes Grammar School played some promising cricket to finish in second place while the two two St. Georges teams (Knights and Cagers) finished in joint third place.

St. Albans continue dominance

St. Albans Sharks continued their dominance into the New Year by winning the Max Challenge Championships. Lomas Eagles were unable to match the Sharks in the final match with Lomas Eagles needing an outright victory to claim the title.

Upcoming events

February will see the start of the Second Division Championships and the Robin Stuart Shield (First Division Cup).

BAHAMAS

The Bahamas has installed its first turf wicket! Canadian Chris Chappell was contracted to install 3 turf wickets at Haynes Oval. He arrived on January 24 and commenced work the following day. The project began with a few minor problems including rain. Mr. Chappell was assisted by several members of the Association led by Greg Taylor.

There were spectators watching and speculating as to how the wicket would play and if it was being done right. The work was completed in a timely fashion and time will tell how good it will be. It should be a lot of fun watching those so called batsmen who are used to playing on matting trying to play on the new turf wickets. There should be no more excuses of not having a turf wicket to bat on as the reason for losing in the Americas tournaments!



BELIZE

Cricket Season commences in Belize

The Belize National Cricket Association (BNCA) held its annual general meeting on January 14, 2007 and elected a new executive for the 2007/09 term. Elston Wade was re-elected as the president. The other officers are: Felix Sutherland, vice-president; Llewellyn Sutherland, secretary; Gail Thompson, assistant secretary; Marjorie Parks, treasurer; Dwight Gabb, assistant treasurer and Gilroy Middleton, committee member.

At the meeting, the representatives of the cricket clubs from the Belize district approved a recommendation made by the BNCA to establish the Belize District Cricket Association. This new association, which is affiliated to BNCA, will administer the annual Harrison Parks Cricket competition and will foster cricket in the Belize district. BNCA has pledged to promote the sport in the other districts and to establish district associations. The new Belize District Cricket Association is headed by its president, Mr. Gilroy Middleton.

In other cricket news, the 2007 cricket season will commence with the Annual Cricket Marathon on January 27 and 28, 2007. This will be followed by a senior competition starting on February 3 and a junior tournament commencing on February 16. The BNCA also expects to play international matches in Belize, Mexico and El Salvador during this season.

BERMUDA

BCB Coaching Kits

In their continuing efforts to upgrade cricket domestically, the BCB will be providing coaching kits for every club. These kits contain a variety of coaching tools which should greatly assist respective club coaches as they deliver instructions to their players. The aim is to provide quality materials at the club level that should further enhance cricket development.

Mr. Reginald Pearman, BCB President, had this to say: "These kit bags have been designed by National Coach Gus Logie and Academy Director Wendell Smith to the highest standard and so we are looking forward to the Clubs taking advantage of this opportunity to improve their programs". Each kit contains such items as: a training hat, catching mitts, wicket keeper gloves, training balls, markers, spring back stumps, and agility ladders. Also included in the distribution list is a special rebound net, used for close catching.

CANADA

Ashish Bagai named Player of the tournament World Cricket League.



Ashish scored two centuries and had another brilliant knock of 74. His innings of 137 is a Canadian record in ODIs

CCA Elite Coaches Seminar

The Canadian Cricket Association held a seminar in Toronto for a group of Elite Coaches and Junior Players. The seminar was specifically designed for the coaches in the CCA Junior Development Elite Program. This program is designed for talented juniors between the ages of 14 – 19 who have the potential of representing coaches that were invited to the seminar are the coaches that are assigned to the program across Canada.

The Elite Juniors were selected by the junior selectors. Each junior will submit to a fitness test and follow the CCA prescribed curriculum of coaching, which will include cricket technique, diet, fitness, discipline etc. Players failing to meet the requirements in attendance and commitment will be removed from the program.

Each Elite Coach will follow the program as outlined by the CCA, and will be responsible for: the preparation of all reports, liaison with parents, physio, selection of the winter facility, attendance records, discipline and counseling.

Although some provinces have already started the program, it officially starts during the first week in January and continues until the end of April 2007.

Other News

The Canadian Cricket Association is holding a "Farewell Dinner" on Sunday, February 11th for the players and support staff who will be representing Canada at the Cricket World Cup in the West Indies. The dinner will be sponsored by the St. Lucia Tourist Board.

Please contact the CCA at canada@cricamericas.com for details.

Canadian World Cup replica team shirts are available from the Canadian Cricket Association. For information contact the CCA at canada@cricamericas.com

CHILE



Regional Award Winner Best Overall Cricket Development

Junior Cricket moves south to Chillan

Junior cricket in Chile took a huge leap forward recently with competition cricket being played at Chillan. This was through the hard work of Pato Caamano who had formed links with two schools: Escuela Joss Heroes and Colegio San Vicente, and with the cooperation of the

Mayor of Chillan who donated prizes for the children.

A group went down from Santiago including NDO and National Coach John Davies, Cameron Boyd (a coach from Australia), and Alex Crook from England. Laura Davies added a little glamour to the group and spent most of the day being photographed with countless children and signing autographs.



The Mayor and JD presented prizes to many of the children for their great efforts, and a Chile cricket cap was given to the Mayor who proudly wore it for the rest of the afternoon. The day was a great success.

This was indeed a fantastic leap for Junior Cricket in Chile. It is very encouraging to see cricket played by young people outside the Metropolitan region of Santiago.



Chilean Ashes (different venue – same result!)

The annual fixture of England v Australia in Chile was played at the Prince of Wales Country Club in December. England batted first and the early losses of Paul Wollocombe and Joseph Williams did not give the best of starts. Steven Butt and John Davies got together moving the score along to 99 when Steven retired. Chris Eyzaguirre scored 22 with John Davies scoring 27. Total score of 154 off 35 overs.

The Australian side had as bad a start as did England with Mike Meade, Ashley Cox and Tim Messner soon out. Andre Joubert joined Tony Beasley, who was there from the start and was retired on 51 – a very fine innings. It was then left to some of the younger and newer Chilean cricketers to keep the score moving and it was not until Christian Barrdles hit 30 not out which included six fours to win the match for Australia.

Cricket in 2007

February, March and April will prove a very busy time indeed for Chilean cricket. Apart from the regular Santiago Metro Cup matches which take place over three weekends, the fixture list in February will also include at least three games against the very strong 40 Club from England.

March brings to Chile the very powerful MCC side from England. This team will include many cricketers who, until recently, were playing county cricket in the U.K. Prior to this game on

March 23rd we hope to run a coaching session by the MCC involving as many children as possible from the local schools.

During early April, the Chilean National Side will be playing in Lima, Peru in the South American Championship. This will involve playing matches against 4 countries in 4 days.

The Coach's View

The 2006/07 season has got off to a very good start, with four friendly games as warm ups for the league season, and wins against the Royal Navy and Worcestershire.

The first half of the Santiago Metro Cup has been completed with La Dehesa in first place.

The schools program has moved ahead as well, and cricket is being played in at least 16 schools in the Santiago and Chillan areas. Many of the schools are Spanish speaking which has proven a challenge for coach JD.

As with many other countries in South America the grounds are a major problem, which is compounded by the lack of good training facilities for all players, young and old.

Simon Shalders at the Casa Roja Hostel in Santiago has answered some of the Chilean practice problems by building an astro-based cricket net in the hostel's grounds. It is a great facility and has already been used for over 60 hours of one-to-one coaching with our fully qualified coach.

Development XI

Hopefully the Casa Roja practice facility will help young players of 13 and 14 years get the opportunity to train properly as there are no adequate training facilities in Chile. This may in turn help build a link that is much needed between the younger element and the senior league sides as it will enable the coaches to form a Development Eleven. The intention of the Development Eleven is to have two or three senior players together with eight youngsters playing in the Santiago Metro Cup Second Division.



PANAMA

The Panama Cricket Association held an election and some of the major positions were filled by Mr. Nazim Daya (President), Naresh Govind Govind (Vice President), Irfan Tarajia (Secretary), Mineshkumah Patel (Asst. Secretary), Jitendrakumar Patel (Treasurer), Ismael Patel (Asst. Treasurer) .

On the field the season has started and will continue until May on six different grounds.

USA

City of Santa Clara felicitates U-19 National Champions

The Northern California Cricket Association and the North West Region's Youth Cricket team were recognized and presented with a Certificate of Distinction by the City of Santa Clara. At a special order of attention at the City Council meeting held on January 23rd, 2007, well attended by over 200 residents of the city, Mayor Patricia Mahan presented 16 year-old Northwest Youth team Captain Shiva Vashisht with the Certificate of Achievement in honor of winning the 2006 US National Youth Cricket Championship held in Florida.

Also honored at this special event were the Northwest Region's U15, U13 and U11 teams that won their respective competitions in 2006. This event was well attended by over 50 youth and their families in a show of strength and support to the Youth Cricket Development movement across the region.

Northern California Cricket Association's Summer Cricket league with over 40 teams gets underway in April.

Annual Lauderhill International Cricket Cup

The 5th Annual City of Lauderhill International Cricket Cup began in January and will continue every Saturday night starting at 5 p.m. through mid May.

Following the exhibition match, all 10 participating teams will show their team spirit in the Parade of Colors, where the players unveil their new 2007 uniforms and take team pictures.

An All Star team will then compete against the winners of the Jamaica/Lauderhill game.

Regular season competition will begin February 3rd.

This Anniversary year the City of Lauderdale, with the support of several sponsors, will offer trivia, batting and bowling competitions for spectators in between matches.

For a schedule, please log on to www.lauderhill-fl.gov.

New Territories



Dominican Republic

Ambassador Worthington takes over Honorary Chairmanship

Dr. Shakil Khan, President of the Cricket Association, welcomed Ambassador Ian A. Worthington at a recent meeting at the British Embassy and briefed the Honorary Chairman on various activities and the tremendous progress cricket has made in nearly a year. The Ambassador asked Dr. Khan to offer his thanks to the executives and team members and offered his

sincere congratulations for a good job done in introducing a new sport to the Dominican Republic.

Recruiting

The Dominican Republic Cricket Association will begin a campaign all over the country, the universities, community centers and in the news media inviting Dominicans to join our teams. The goal is to enjoy the benefit of the World Cup advertising, make Dominicans aware of cricket and recruit them for training for the forthcoming Stanford 20/20. We hope to have at least 10 teams by the end of 2007, commented Dr. Shakil Khan.

World Cup

The Cricket Association of the Dominican Republic (ADC-DR) is putting together a package for a selected group to participate in the World Cup. Information and brochure available from the Cricket Association office (809-362-0606), Dr. Shakil Khan (809-886-4849) or by calling Alan Buckley, Executive Vice President directly at 8090-462-7509, email alansscinternl@hotmail.com

Stanford 20/20 for 2008

Rhonda Kelly of Kelly Holdings of Antigua, W.I., organizers of Stanford 20/20 cricket has informed Dr. Shakil Khan about the progress being made for the January/February 2008 games. The Dominican cricket team has already been invited to participate.

Stanford Group has promised to help the Dominican team. Details are not available but

we plan to get started with our preparations within the next 2 months, including construction of a proper pitch, more equipment, and 6 to 10 teams which will be trained by a professional coach so we can be very competitive and professional by January 2008.

Stadium for Dominican cricket

The Minister of Sports, Felipe Payano, through his special assistant and cricket coordinator, Mr. Julio Mon, has arranged for a meeting next Monday to discuss the Stadium for the Dominican cricket team at the Pan Am Games grounds at Parque Este.

British Chamber of Commerce

BCC has many fund raising activities throughout the year and President Herrera has kindly selected our cricket team to be the beneficiary of Golf Outing during 2007. The Chamber has included our information in their annual directory as well as in the web pages www.britchamdr.com

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