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Brazil vs. Argentina Baimax



# ICC Americas Newsflash

## Pepsi World Cricket League Division 3

Afghanistan and Uganda take remaining two places in ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier

*Heart-broken PNG misses out on net run-rate as Cayman Islands and Argentina are relegated to WCL Div. 4*  
 Afghanistan and Uganda achieved a place in the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier after recording victories in Buenos Aires on 31st January. Afghanistan captain Narooz Mangal inspired a brilliant 82-run win over Cayman Islands to give his team the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 3 (WCL Div. 3) title, following on from its successive title wins in Jersey in Division 5 and Tanzania in Division 4.

It has already been a remarkable journey for this Afghanistan side having come through three tournaments played on three continents, keeping alive the team's dream of making it through to the world's premier 50-over tournament.

And Uganda also managed to secure a top-two position in the final standings after dismissing Argentina for 83, achieving a significant enough improvement in its net run-rate to finish ahead of Papua New Guinea (PNG), which just missed out despite having lost only one group game in the competition.

The Pepsi ICC World Cricket League gives a clear pathway for the ICC's Associate and Affiliate Members towards the ICC Cricket World Cup. From Division 7 right up to the top Associate teams in Division 1, every side in the world knows exactly what it has to do to get through to the premier one-day competition in cricket.



Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 3 table (final)



Team	Pld	W	L	Pts	NRR
Afghanistan	5	4	1	8	+0.971
Uganda	5	4	1	8	+0.768
PNG	5	4	1	8	+0.665
Hong Kong	5	2	3	4	+0.005
Cayman Is	5	1	4	2	-1.384
Argentina	5	0	5	0	-1.031

## Women's Cricket – Brazil vs. Argentina

The spread of cricket around the world was wonderfully illustrated on 1st February at the St Albans Club in Corimayo, Buenos Aires, where Brazil's new women's team took on Argentina in a three-match Twenty20 series for the Baimax Trophy. (Cricket Europe)

The considerably more experienced Argentinean squad won both the first day's matches comfortably enough and made sure of the trophy, but the Brazilians showed in their enthusiasm and desire to learn that it would not be long before they were able to compete with other Associates' and Affiliates' women's sides in the region. The visit returns one made by Argentina in Brasilia in 2007, soon after the formation of the Brazilian women's team.

Brazilian coach Vince Bostick said after the matches that he was delighted with the way his side had performed—several of them had only been playing for a matter of months— and both he and they are now looking forward to the ICC America's women's championship in Florida in May. For Argentina, the Baimax series provides a valuable workout as they prepare for the challenge of again meeting the more experienced sides from Canada, the USA and Bermuda.



## Argentina

Pepsi ICC World cricket League Division 3 tournament

The Argentina Cricket Association was pleased to host the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 3 Tournament. Unfortunately the home side did not perform up to expectations and will now have to regroup in Division 4 in two years time.

Argentina was pleased to welcome the Women's National Team of Brazil for a series of matches for the Baimax trophy. Both squads were hoping to gain valuable experience as they prepare for the America's Championship in May 2009.

The ACA has appointed Maria Paz Bucheti as the new fitness trainer/Physiotherapist. She will work with the team during the Brazilian series and continue until the end of the ICC Americas Women's tournament.

On the local domestic scene, league cricket will start again in the first weekend of February. Bedes Grammar school was crowned champions of the Third Division T20. Old Georgians were crowned the Saturday Championships (2<sup>nd</sup> Division) winners as they edged out Lomas 'A' on Net run rate. St Albans Sharks lead the First Division Declaration League after the first round of matches. Hurlingham Hawks are unbeaten in the Robin Stuart Shield with the final round of games scheduled for the 19 April.

### Highlights for February:

Second Division Championship

Touring teams visits from Global CC (USA) and Artillery CC (England)

First Division Cup Semi Final

First Division Declaration league (Round 2)

Multimar u15 Club league

Multimar North vs. South (u15 & u19)



## Bermuda

### BCB Level I and Level II Coaching Courses—2009 Change of Dates

The dates for the BCB Coaching Level I and Level II have changed to the following : Level I: 7–11 February and Level II: 13–18 February 2009.

### BCB is Certified by the Bermuda National Standards Committee

The Bermuda National Standards Committee is a group of Bermuda funders, policy makers, and professionals who united to create opportunities for human service organizations and charities to use when seeking to demonstrate the quality of their work and meet the requirements of their donors and clients. The Board of the Bermuda National Standards Committee is pleased to announce that The Bermuda Cricket Board a newly certified members of BNSC as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. The BCB has demonstrated that they are operating at an internationally accepted level of best practice in the areas of Governance, Finances, Ethics, and Performance Improvement. They will also continue to report on their success and growth to the BNSC each year.

### Player Update

The BCB can confirm that Mr. Lionel Cann has been signed as a contract player as of 19 January 2009. Lionel is the latest player to join the BCB's High Performance Programme (HPP) with the aim to intensify preparation for the ICC World Cup Qualifiers in South Africa, April, 2009.

The BCB is pleased to confirm that the following players have been selected for the West Indies Tour to Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenada, 29 January - 28 February 2009.

Irving Romaine (Captain)	Tamauri Tucker	Delyone Borden	Jacobi Robinson
David Hemp (V. Captain)	George O'Brien	Fiqre Crockwell	Justin Pitcher
Rodney Trott	Janeiro Tucker	Lionel Cann	Kevin Hurdle
Kyle Hodson	Dwayne Leverock	Christopher Douglas	Jekon Edness
			Stephen Outerbridge

### Pee Wee Cricket Workshop

The Bermuda Cricket Board, with the support of the Western Counties Cricket Association and Ironshore Insurance Ltd., is pleased to announce that they will be holding a Pee Wee "Have-a-go" Cricket Workshop for children ages 5 - 7. The Workshop will be held at **Berkeley Institute Gym** and will take place every Saturday, starting on **7 March** and finishing on **11 April 2009**. The sessions will run from 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm. To register, please see their website.

<http://www.bermudacricketboard.com/>

## Brazil

### Women's Cricket

Even though it is now a relatively quiet period for cricket in Brazil, there is one group of players that has been practicing exceptionally hard throughout January. The national women's squad was training three or four times a week for the 3-match Twenty20 series against Argentina in Buenos Aires. The two teams played for the Baimax Cup, the inaugural year of this event.

In September 2007, the two countries met when the Brazilian XI played 3 matches against an Argentina Development XI in Curitiba, Brazil, which went 2-1 to Argentina.

Since then, the squad has benefited from the inclusion of some new players who have achieved a lot of success in other sports. They were encouraged to try cricket by their friends already playing, and the result is a notable rise in interest in the game among women here. The media also has started to pick up on this team.



## Canada

### New Website

Cricket Canada launched the first phase of its new website [www.cricketcanada.org](http://www.cricketcanada.org). Information pertaining to the Cricket Canada Scotiabank School Programme, registration forms and other Cricket Canada, National Junior, Men's and Women's cricket can be found there.

### Cricket Canada Scotiabank School Programme

This month Canada and Scotiabank made the official launch to their Schools Programme nation wide. The launch took place simultaneously in Toronto, Abbotsford British Columbia and Calgary, Alberta. The goal of the School Programme is to reach out and introduce cricket in elementary schools to help create a new generation of players and fans. The Programme includes introductory Coach training, literature and equipment. Since the beginning of the program, Scotiabank has provided training and material to over 220,000 children.

### CWC Qualifier Preparation

Canadian players prepare to attend a six week training program at an Academy in Colombo, Sri Lanka as part of their preparation for the upcoming CWC qualifier to be played in South Africa. On completion of the program, the players will travel direct to South Africa for the tournament.

### Coaching Clinic

Eight candidates attended a successful introductory coaching clinic sponsored by Cricket BC on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January. The titled clinic "A Competition Introduction" (NCCP/CAC) included intermediate skills, drills and games.

### HPP Training

Former Olympic medalist, Donna Clark, Fitness Trainer, Rich Butler, Baseball Fielding Coach and Leith Dury Sport Psychologist have been working with members of the national squad to help improve their all around performance on and off the field. Donna has focused on endurance, agility, strength and speed. Leith is working on mental toughness building a winning attitude and leadership qualities.

## Chile

**Chile will celebrate the ICC Centenary with a 'Catch the Spirit' celebration at the annual Beach Cricket Festival.**

The festival, hosted by the city of Viña del Mar on Chile's coast, celebrates cricket's unique spirit and ability to unite players of all ages, sexes and nationalities. Each team will feature juniors, seniors, men and women, with teams from Santiago, Viña del Mar, Chillán and Argentina representing eight countries from around the world.

The festival will take place over the weekend of 28th February and 1st March and is expected to attract significant media attention. Already both the national and local government have pledged their support to the event, which will be broadcast on national television.

### Women's Cricket Going Strong

Chile's first national women's cricket team is training twice a week throughout the summer on the beaches of Viña del Mar. A strong squad of 25 players has been formed and are progressing well, under the tutelage of National Development Officer, Patricio Caamaño. In February, the ladies will make their first outing in an organized competition as they take part in the annual beach cricket festival, set to be held in Viña del Mar during the Beach Cricket Festival.

### Chilean Condors to Face Honorable Artillery Company CC

The Chilean Condors are set to receive a visit from the Honorable Artillery Company CC, from England. The visitors will play in two matches against local representative sides on 14th February and 15th February. Both games will be hosted by The Grange School and the fixtures could provide an early chance for those players bidding to play in the forthcoming South American Championship to impress the selectors. The visit will also be used as an opportunity to give some members of the national U19 side international exposure against a quality opposition.

### Cricket Chile Bids Farewell to Timothy Messner

Tim has decided to move back to his native Australia. Throughout his time in Chile, Messner was an essential figure in ensuring that junior cricket got off the ground and that a regular domestic competition was organized. The ACC would like to thank Tim for his tireless contribution to Chilean cricket over the last ten years and wish him the best of luck in Australia.

<http://www.cricketchile.cl/>

## Mexico

The League championship started on Sunday 11th January with MCCC taking on Reforma. The Aztecs are hoping to defend their title and complete the double yet again this season. However, Reforma will no doubt want to change things after coming so close in the cup competition. The first game of competition saw MCCC bowled out for 77 runs, the score was passed by Reforma who collected 5 points for their efforts while MCCC picked up 1 point. The next game in the schedule will pit the winners of the Brian Gay trophy, Aztecs vs. Corinthians.

The MCA working with the ICC Americas Program will purchase and deliver to school kids in Mexico City 100 plastic bats and balls.

### Four-In Four

Tushar Gupta has been relishing his move to DF from Guadalajara given the chance to play more regularly at the RAC. Other players, however, may be ready to sponsor his return to Guadalajara should his form stay so white-hot. Not content with huge hits in the Sixes tournament at the season's start, Tushar has also been playing some terrific cricket in the fixtures. In the first game of 2009, Tushar snared a remarkable 4 wickets in 4 balls for Reforma in its victory against MCCC.



## Peru

The annual Cricket Veloz tournament was a huge success on 14 December. The 4 local Lima teams competed for the fantastic trophy donated by their number one sponsor Chimu adventures. The Nick Appleyard led Eigenhossen team were victorious for the second time in the history of the tournament with India (Chak de), Kiteflyers and Lima Cricket and Football club having varying degrees of success during the day. The player of the tournament was Paul Barnes from the Kiteflyers team. It was great way to get the teams together before the Christmas break.

The official season started Sunday 1st February at the Lima Cricket and Football club with the Viv Ash gin and tonic challenge. A lot is planned for the Centenary year of the ICC, which also happens to be the 150 anniversary of Cricket in Peru. They are looking forward to travelling to Sao Paolo for the South American Championships over Easter. They will also be hosting a Hollywood golden oldies team in March and have invited a Guyana Masters team and an Argentina team to participate in a weekend tournament to commemorate 150 years at the Lima Cricket and Football club.

The Peruvian Cricket Federation is also pleased to announce the appointment of the first official development officer (coach) in their history. Thanks to the Support of the ICC and Markham College Matthew Emmerson from the UK will join them in late February.



## USA

The USACA annual General Meeting was held in New York City on 24th January and was well attended. ICC CEO Haroon Lorgat, Is Bindra ICC's Special Advisor and Dr. J. Hunte WICB President met with the Board to discuss future plans for cricket in America.

The process of finding a CEO continues to progress well and final candidates for the position should be presented to the Board in the coming weeks.

## Turks and Caicos

### PPC Competition

In a reduced overs cricket match of the PPC competition that was played on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of January at the downtown ballpark where the Police handed Beaches their first defeat. The Police won the toss and chose to bat and chalked up 181 runs from 20 overs. The top scorer was Gavin Bruno with 62 runs, consisting of 10 blistering boundaries, Karim 29 and captain Kavin Mars 24.

Bowling for Beaches, Christopher Macfarlane claimed 3 wickets for 46 runs from 4 overs. Beaches in reply were bowled out for 155 from 19.3 overs with a 75 run opening partnership between Christopher Macfarlane and Odayne Ewart. Beaches was well on course of achieving the target but with the departure of Odayne Ewart and Christopher Macfarlane who were dismissed for 35 runs and 55 runs respectively, the rest of the batting offered no resistance. Bowling for the Police, Gavin Bruno 4 wickets for 33 runs from 4 overs, Hayden Spring 2 wickets for 24 runs from 4 overs, and Elliot Brown 2 wickets for 30 runs from 4 overs.

The competition continued on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> with the Jamaican All-Stars vs. the St. Lucia Hitters and on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February with Jam-Turk vs. Guyana Jaguars at the same venue.

Gavin Bruno



## Upcoming Centenary Events

- 8th February Panama – Youngsters T20 Match
- February (Ongoing) Belize – Junior Cricket Camp
- 1st March to 7th March Falklands – 1st Falkland Island Cricket Festival
- 6th to 8th March Argentina – Annual North vs. South 3 day match

