

WCQT U19 Americas

The Maple Leaf Cricket Club in King City, Ontario hosted the Americas U19 WCQT. Defending champion Canada qualified for the U19 World Cup to be held in Bangladesh, February 2004, with a perfect 4-0 record. It was anything but smooth sailing for the Canadian team who did their best to make things interesting. Their first game saw a remarkable recovery after a shaky start against a very young and inexperienced side from Argentina. After enjoying their day off, Day 3 saw them in a tough battle against Cayman Islands who had defeated co-favourites Bermuda, to suddenly become the team to beat. Cayman posted a low score but had the Canadians in trouble at 109/7 before the lower order came to the rescue and produced a two wicket victory. Day 4 of the competition saw the battle of North America as Canada took on the USA. Canada elected to rest three of their front line players and when their opening bowler Simon Upton broke a finger fielding a ball, it certainly made for an interesting game. The USA total of 161 was the highest score made against Canada but thanks to a fine innings of 87* by opening batsman Gavin Bastiampillai, they coasted to an easy five wicket victory. Day 4 also saw a rare double century as Bermuda's opening batsman Dion Stovell punished the Argentina bowling attack, scoring 204 as his team recorded the highest score of the tournament 364/5 (50 overs).

Canada entered Day 5 in command of the tournament, having a superior net run rate than both Cayman Islands and Bermuda, the only two teams that could tie with them in

the points table, should they lose to Bermuda. If Canada batted first and was bowled out for a low score, Bermuda would certainly blast away to up their run rate and win the tournament. The gusty Canadians won the toss and elected to bat. Two quick wickets 16/2 had the spectators wondering if this was a wise decision but a 146 run partnership between Muhammad Qazi (89) and Trevor Bastiampillai (53) just about ended any chance of Bermuda advancing to the World Cup, even with a victory over the Canadians. The two teams with pride at stake fought a long and hard battle, with Canada being victorious by one run in a game in which a total of 541 runs was scored.

<u>Final Table</u>	P	W	L	NR	Pts	NRR
Canada	4	4	0	0	24	2.264
Cayman Is.	4	3	1	0	18	0.970
Bermuda	4	2	2	0	12	1.570
USA	4	1	3	0	6	-1.019
Argentina	4	0	4	0	0	-5.107

Awards

Batting Award (Most Runs)

Dion Stovell Bermuda

Bowling Award (Most Wickets)

Troy Taylor Cayman Islands

Best Wicket Keeper

Jekon Edness-Bermuda

Double Century -Don Stovell -Bermuda

All players were presented with cricket equipment from local sponsors and suppliers to the tournament.

Man of the Match Awards

Umar Bhatti (Canada) vs Argentina

Omar Bryan (Cayman Is) vs USA

Troy Taylor (Cayman Is) vs Argentina

Kumal Singh (USA) vs Argentina
Delyone Borden (Bermuda) vs USA
Durand Soraine (Canada) vs Cayman Is.
Gavin Bastiampillai (Canada) vs USA
Dion Stovell (Bermuda) vs Argentina
Joseph Kirkconnell (Cayman) vs Argentina
Muhammad Qazi (Canada) vs Bermuda

Day 1. Canada 347/8 (S.Anjaria 88*,
M.Qazi 60, J.Del Valle 4/59)
Argentina 25 (U.Bhatti 6/10, S.Upton 4/15)

USA 182 (K.Singh 44, O.Bryan 3/31)
Cayman Is. 185/9 (J.Linton 37, G.Ebanks
33, O.Bryan 28*)

Day 2 Cayman Is. 168/8
Bermuda 77 (T.Taylor 7/12)

USA 222/7 (R.Timbawala 37, B.Gajjar 30,
A.Dodson 30)
Argentina 99/9 (D/L Method)

Day 3 Bermuda 256/6 (D.Borden 75*,
O.Bascome 56, N.Malik 3/27)
USA 152 (B.Gajjar 39, S.Hollis 6/27)

Cayman Is. 157/9 (G.Ebanks 46, S.Anjaria
3/10)
Canada 160/8 (K.Jethi 31, D.Soraine
30* G.Ebanks 3/56)

Day 4 USA 161 (A.Dodson 41,
S.Keshvani 3/28)
Canada 162/5 (G.Bastiampillai 87*,
R.Lall 33)

Bermuda 364/5 (D.Stovell 204)
Argentina 62 (J. Robinson 3/23)

Day 5 Cayman Is. 282/8 (J.Kirkconnell
110)
Argentina 140/9 (J. Bordacahar 54)

Canada 271 (M.Qazi 89,
T.Bastiampillai 53, J.Robinson 3/45),

K. Butterfield 3/27, D.Borden 3/46)
Bermuda 270/8 (O.Bascome 68,
J.Robinson 67)



Canada U19- Americas Champions

Development Forum

The first meeting of Associates and Affiliates of the Region since the Cricket Council of the Americas (CCA) in April 2002, was held in Toronto, Canada on July 20, 2003 and was well attended by 12 of the 14 Associates and Affiliates.

Andrew Eade, Global Development Manager, welcomed the delegates and outlined both the Global Development Program and what is happening in the Americas region. He introduced both the RDM Martin Vieira and the RDO Grant Dugmore, and expressed his belief they were now in an excellent position to move forward in the region.

Topics discussed included tournament structure, communications, development research, financial budgets, and project submission procedures. There was also a planning workshop, country presentations and an update of the status and future role of CCAM.

Delegates expressed their satisfaction with the forum, citing it was necessary to have this annually prior to the ICC Conference in June.

Around the Region

Argentina



Carcamanes Cricket Festival will take place from Saturday, February 28 to Friday, March 5, 2004 and will be hosted by the Argentine Cricket Association. The only necessary qualification is that players should be at least 40 years young! This golden oldies tournament has already attracted teams from England, Scotland, New Zealand and the USA. The participation fee per team is due by October 31, 2003. For more information, contact Christian Tunon, Event Manager, at (tel) 54-11-4202-5305 or (e-mail) carcamanescricket@yahoo.com

Lucas Paterlini and Carlos Gibson, two former Youth World Cup players, will represent Argentina on the Rest of Americas team to take part in the WICB U19 TCL Tournament in Guyana, August 3 - 30, 2003.

Brazil

John Landers, President (Asociacao Brasileira de Cricket) extends an open invitation to any clubs willing to visit and play in Brazil. Contact john.landiers@apis.com.br

With the help of the ICC Americas Development Fund, a new Flicx pitch will be installed in Sao Paulo to improve the playing quality to allow interstate championship games. The portable pitch will also be used to demonstrate the game in various other locations.

Cuba

Leona Ford (contact leona@inder.co.cu) is interested in hearing from clubs willing to take part in the Club Festival planned for July 2004. Registration date is November 2003.

Cayman Islands



Residents of Grand Cayman are still talking about, and trying to recover from, a weekend jam-packed with superstars, centuries and fantastic sports entertainment as the Quincentennial Cayman Cricket Celebration ended on Sunday, July 27 with an exhibition match which drew over 4000 spectators and featured West Indies cricketers Brian Lara, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Courtney Walsh and Joel Garner.

The Cayman Cricket Weekend is the only event of its kind in the region, and in the past has brought such legends as Sir Vivian Richards, Curtly Ambrose, Jimmy Adams, Michael Holding, Desmond Haynes and Clive Lloyd. This past weekend, however, it was all about the Spectacular Six who charmed children and adults alike.

The celebrations kicked off on Friday, July 25 with a gala fundraising dinner for the youth cricket programme which included entertainment by renowned Trinidadian storyteller and speaker Paul Keens-Douglas, and a silent auction which featured items such as a 1999 West Indies World Cup Team autographed bat and signed player cards of the recent Hall of Fame inductees at the Stickey Wicket in Antigua.

Approximately US\$8000 was raised for youth cricket from this event.

On Saturday over 200 kids had the opportunity to learn from the best as the stars conducted coaching clinics under the supervision of National Cricket Coach Theo Cuffy. The visiting cricketers took the youngsters through their paces, teaching them bowling, batting and fielding techniques while a curious crowd looked on, eagerly awaiting a chance to take pictures with the stars and get autographs.

“This has been a truly amazing and overwhelming day” said Coach Cuffy of the kids’ clinics. “I wonder if these kids understand the significance of the experience they’ve just had! There is no other country in the region which can boast of this chance to personally interact with six West Indies cricketers and learn the tools of the trade. We feel blessed to have had the opportunity”.

One of the more exciting activities during the day was *Bat and Bowl to the Stars!*, a new element that was added to the weekend where for \$5, anyone could pad up and face three balls from Garner or Walsh or bowl three balls to Sarwan, Lara, Gayle or Hinds. Each cricketer took a turn in the nets but it was Brian Lara who won over the crowd, spending almost two hours batting to those brave enough to face him. In the end it was 10-year old Trisha Meyerhoff who impressed the West Indies Captain most, Lara describing her as the most accurate bowler.

Just when fans thought it couldn’t get any better, Sunday arrived in all its glory bringing with it a cloudless day and the promise of an exhilarating match featuring the stars and local players. In a record for any sporting event on the island, somewhere

between four and five thousand people surrounded the cricket ground, creating an amazing buzz that took over the island for the day. The buzz was enhanced by a day of fours and sixes as Sarwan scored 95 from 53 balls, Gayle 146 including 16 sixes and 3 fours, and Hinds with 169 from 112 with 11 fours and 10 sixes. Brian Lara mesmerized the crowd, scoring 104 runs in 42 minutes with 9 sixes and 6 fours, all before leaving to catch his flight. “We were pleasantly surprised when Brian took to the field right before lunch to bat, considering that he was never scheduled to play at all”, says event organizer Rhonda Kelly of Kelly Holding Ltd. “And as usual, he did not disappoint, driving the crowd wild and displaying the talent that has earned him the title of best batsman in the world”.

In addition to his unexpected performance at the crease on Sunday, Lara also donated his fee to the youth cricket programme. “On behalf of the youth cricketers, I would like to thank Brian for his generosity” said Coach Cuffy. “This weekend is one that our youth cricketers will not soon forget and I am so grateful to him, Courtney, Joel, Sarwan, Chris and Wavell for joining us and investing their time and energies in Cayman youth cricket”.

“It was a fantastic experience. I really enjoyed Cayman and the event. This is something that should be done in all the islands around the region. The kids really enjoyed themselves and it was nice to teach them what I have learned and to play in a fun match in front of such a lively crowd”, stated West Indies batsman Wavell Hinds of his Grand Cayman experience.

Canada

CCA’s 2003 Under 17 Western Cricket Camp was successfully staged at Hugo Ray Park in West Vancouver under sunny skies.

50 players from Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia enjoyed 5 days of morning coaching and afternoon matches. Morning coaches were Ron Dipchand (batting), Steve McKay and Dave Clippindale (nets), Kevin Sandher (bowling) and Karl Harrison (fielding).

Two days of all-star matches followed 3 days of round-robin play won by Alberta, who defeated Manitoba and 2 BC teams. Match umpires included Karran Bayney (Manitoba), Lloyd Edwards and Ron Clauzel (BC).

Event individual award winners were:

Most runs: Hensen Fernandes (BC) – 150 runs

Most wickets: Zahid Khan (Manitoba) – 10 wickets

Best fielder: Dane Hasell (Parksville, BC)

Most improved players

Alberta – Kendon Otteley

Manitoba – Navender Gill

B.C. – Nick Borghesan (Nanaimo)



Western Canada U17 Camp

A similar camp will be held at G. Ross Lord in Toronto for the Eastern Provinces commencing August 18, 2003.

Chile

Bruce Phillips (Asociacion Chilena De Cricket) made a visual presentation at the

Development Forum on their facilities and indicated they are preparing to host up to eight teams at the South America Championship to be held in 2004.

U.S.A.

The United States Junior Cricket Academy (New Jersey) will tour England and Wales during the period August 4th to 15th, playing matches with U13 and U15 squads.

WICB U19 TCL Tournament

Canada and the Rest of Americas are invited to take part in the WICB U19 tournament to be held in Guyana from August 3rd to 30th, 2003.

Cricket without Boundaries

The Hong Kong Invitational Cricket Festival 2003 will be held October 28th to 30th, 2003 at the Hong Kong Cricket Club. If you are interested in participating or attending, contact the following for details:

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