



ICC TROPHY 2005



CONGRATULATIONS SCOTLAND

Americas Score 2 for the Big Event

Canada and Bermuda gave the Americas Region two spots in the World Cup 2007. While qualifying was expected of the Canadian team, the Bermudians were a complete and pleasant surprise.

Prior to the tournament crystal ball gazers may have favored Team USA, the number 2 ranked Americas team, in what most experts considered the easier of the two pools. Ireland and UAE were the only hurdles it would seem in Pool "A" but the Americans had a dismal tournament, going winless in the five games. Bermuda grasped the opportunity with a win over UAE and their higher ranked regional rival USA, to finish second and earn their spot in the big show.

Canada in Pool "B" was in a much tougher fight as pre-tournament favorites Scotland together with Holland and Namibia were all capable of advancing. To their credit, the Canadians took 2 of the 3 key matches, also finishing second in their pool to advance to the World Cup.

We congratulate Team Bermuda and Team Canada for being excellent representatives of the region.

Final Standings:

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| 1. Scotland | 7. Namibia |
| 2. Ireland | 8. Denmark |
| 3. Canada | 9. Oman |
| 4. Bermuda | 10. USA |
| 5. Holland | 11. PNG |
| 6. UAE | 12. Uganda |

World Cup Schedule Announced



Scotland's 47-run over Ireland in the ICC Trophy 2005 final in Ireland confirms the groupings for the first stage of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007. The fixtures schedule for 2007 can now be finalized and, along with the tournament dates, will be announced on July 19 in Trinidad.

Scotland's reward for winning the ICC Trophy is a place alongside Australia, Holland and South Africa in Pool 1 in St. Kitts.

Ireland will be in Pool 4 with the host West Indies, Pakistan and Zimbabwe.

In Pool 2 Bermuda will take on Sri Lanka, India and Bangladesh in Trinidad and Tobago while Canada will be in Pool 3 in St. Lucia with New Zealand, England and Kenya.

Articles for NewsFlash

We wish to remind you that articles and photos (compressed and in JPEG) are required by the 25th of each month. We welcome your submissions.



News from around the region

ARGENTINA

Argentina U19 Team

The Argentine U19 team held an intensive two day training camp at the Hurlingham Club on the 14th and 15th July. The team is currently preparing for the U19 Americas Tournament which is due to be held in Toronto in August. Billy MacDermott (Coach) worked intensively with the squad, focusing on match situations and concentrating on physical and technical exercises. The team departs on the 3rd of August and will be playing two warm up matches against Ajax CC and Mississauga Ramblers CC.

Junior Clinic

A winter junior clinic was held recently at the Hurlingham Club, attracting 30 junior players (aged 9 to 13 years) from the principal clubs. Billy MacDermott and Rodrigo Scioscia were assisted by some local coaches as they focused on some intensive coaching skills and drills before turning to some matches in the afternoon.

Travellers Cricket Club to visit Argentina

Argentina will host the Travellers CC for a short visit from the 31st August to 7th September where they will play two matches. They are due to play against Quilmes X1 on Saturday 3rd September and against ACA Presidents X1 on Sunday 4th September at the Hurlingham Club.

New Website

The Argentina Cricket Association is pleased to announce their new web page
www.cricketargentina.com

Next Season's Events

December 3 – 10, 2005: 2nd Pampero Cricket Festival **U16**

March 4 – 11, 2006: Baimax International Cup **Premiere League**

March 18 – 25, 2006: 3rd Carcamanes Cricket Festival **Over 40s**

All relevant information available at
www.baimax.com

Did you know? The first game of cricket was played in Argentina in 1806, nearly 200 years ago!

BELIZE

Excellence Wins Cricket Championship

(as reported by Elston Wade)

Ian Broaster led Excellence Cricket Club to a historic victory over Brilliant Cricket Club on July 16 to clinch the championship of the Harrison Parks National Cricket Competition. Broaster scored 102 runs of the total 325 scored by his team who was first to bat in Game Two of the finals. Excellence had won Game One on Saturday July 9 on Brilliant's home ground in Crooked Tree.

The veteran star of Excellence, Sylbert Martinez, drove in 71 runs and the skipper Jason Broaster, added another 38 runs to the record breaking score of 325 runs. Once again, Sydney Martinez Jr. emerged as Excellence's top bowler as he uprooted 4 wickets to confine Brilliant to only 175 runs. Orvin Wade scored 46 runs for Brilliant, while Oswald Gillett took 3 wickets.

No one can remember if Excellence had ever won a championship since the 1950s when they first entered the competition under the captaincy of the late Percival Flowers, who was also an outstanding village leader and Cayo boat captain.

This is sweet victory for Excellence who was forced to settle for the sub-championship last year when they were defeated by Wicket Eleven. Excellence's victory is proof that hard work and good management yield good returns. It is indeed the value of the leadership of Eugene McFadzean and Lawrence Flowers, who have reconstructed the club in 2003, and the captaincy of Jason Broaster, that have made this victory possible.

The Belize National Cricket Association will award trophies to Excellence and the other winners in Double Head Cabbage on August 13.



BERMUDA

Heroes Welcome

A homecoming has never been so sweet for any Bermuda cricket team – and yesterday it got \$100,000 sweeter. Amid accolades and eloquent superlatives from the country's officialdom and an outpouring of emotion and gratitude from fellow citizens, it was the sight of Government putting their money where their mouth is that really made the Island's cricketers sit up.

The surprise presentation of a \$100,000 cheque by Premier Alex Scott to Bermuda Cricket Board president Reggie Pearman at City Hall drew loud applause and cheers from the crowd and cricketers as the Island paused to salute the squad which earned a place in the **2007 Cricket World Cup**. "It's just a small token of what we think of them ...100,000 ways of saying well done", declared Scott, adding "this will help start the journey to prepare you to beat the rest of the world".

A grateful Pearman thanked Government for their "generous donation" towards 2007 before paying tribute to trailblazers like the late Alma (Champ) Hunt who first pushed to get the Island into the International Cricket Council (ICC) family and then for the establishment of a tournament for Associate members. Now that this giant stride has been accomplished, he promised that, come the 2007 World Cup, "they will know we've been there".

Captain Clay Smith, other players and team management began their celebrations with a courtesy call on Premier Scott at the Cabinet Office before proceeding by motorcade to City Hall for a brief ceremony.



Photo Royal Gazette (Bermuda)
A young cricket fan waves her Bermuda flag at the parade.

Gus Logie

For all his international career as a player and coach, Gus Logie has never savoured the kind of overwhelming affection that he has here – and he

is looking forward to more of it. Breaking his silence on whether he will remain as national coach beyond his six-month contract with the BCB, the former W.I. Test player confirmed his interest in seeing the Island through to the 2007 Cricket World Cup. Trinidadian Logie said he has been "pleasantly surprised" by the community's reaction to the national team, adding that he realizes how much it means for "the people of Bermuda to qualify for a World Cup". Modestly, he insisted that Bermudians should not feel indebted to him "because I believe coaches only prepare players to do as well as they can". "Whatever we as coaches can do, we will. We just need to be the best we can be to be able to give the best to the guys".

3 year deal to sponsor Youth Cricket

BCB recently announced that the Bermuda Security Group has secured title sponsor rights for the U13 Youth League for a 3 year period. In addition to the perennially successful summer clinics for young cricketers, the BCB youth structure features a U16 and a U13 League with 9 clubs across the country., playing in a limited over format that will now be known as the Bermuda Security Group U13 League. The investment by Bermuda Security Group will enhance the quality of cricketing experience for the young players by providing clothing, cricket balls and access to a season culminating finale festival game.

CANADA

Vancouver Junior Cricket Camp

The 34th annual Vancouver Junior Cricket Camp ran well July 4-8 at Connaught Park. Players aged 7 to 16 years received morning coaching and afternoon matches. Three nets, bowling machine, slips cradle and cricket field were utilized. Indoor sessions at the Meralomas Cricket Club clubhouse featured an examination, tactical discussions, a coaching video and some big match videos. Coaches Steve McKay, Steve Dow (visiting from New Zealand), Garath Hill and Vohara Gunaratna were assisted by Bilal Qaiser and Rob White.

Once again, the Camp was coordinated by Jack Kyle.



Vancouver Junior Cricket camp

Canadian National Cricket Championship

Vancouver will host the 19th Canadian National Cricket Championship to be held on August 1-5. The modern championships date back to 1947 and have been won on a record 11 occasions by Ontario.

The provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec will battle it out for the Bracht Trophy, symbol of provincial cricket supremacy in Canada. Play will commence each day at 10.45 a.m.

Match results will be posted on the CCA website www.canadiancricket.org

GUATEMALA

Report from Manuel Farfan

Following a meeting with private schools, two will start cricket programs in August 2005 (“Internacional Montessori” and “Evelyn Rogers”). Two others have shown interest (“Julio Verne” and “Colegio Evangelico La Patria”) but are waiting for administration authorization. Possibly eight more will follow later in January-October.

The following was agreed on with the first two schools:

1. Start with boys and girls aged 10 to 11.
2. Work on cricket fundamentals during August and September, with an internal tournament in each school.
3. Develop a tournament amongst the schools which finally adopt the program, during the 4th week of February 2006.
4. Provide resources (manuals and videos on cricket)
5. Provide equipment (wickets and bats primarily)
6. Co-ordinate, supervise and provide support in the schools.

Thanks to the Costa Rica and Argentine Cricket Associations for providing some ICC manuals which I am partially reproducing for the schools.



The Americas Region Intercontinental Cup will be played at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club in Toronto, Canada from August 23 to September 2.

Aug 23-25 Bermuda vs Canada
 Aug 27-29 Cayman Islands vs Bermuda
 Aug 31-Sept 2 Canada vs Cayman Islands



Toronto Cricket Club, host to the Sahara Cup series will be the venue for this year's Intercontinental Cup- Americas Region

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