



NewsFlash

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Intercontinental Cup – Canada vs Kenya

Scores:

Canada 235 (Q.Ali 91*, P. Ongondo 4/49) and 286 (G. Barnett 136, A. Bagai 57, N. Odhiambo 5/54, H. Varaiya 3/27)
Kenya 231 (T.Mishra 83, U. Bhatti 4/82, H. Osinde 4/51) and 265 (C. Obuya 89, S. Tikolo 50, U. Bhatti 6/65)

Canada won by 25 runs.

It was a thriller in Toronto and finally in the last hour of play on the fourth day of this see-saw battle, Kenya fell short by a mere 25 runs. The game was full of outstanding performances on both sides, with players taking turns at ensuring that neither side got the upper hand. In the end, it was the efforts of Geoff Barnett and Umar Bhatti (both acclaimed “Man of the Match”) that gave Canada the upper hand. Barnett scored a brilliant 136 in Canada’s second innings while Bhatti had match figures of 10/138. John Davison, Captain for Canada, stated after the game he was pleased at the performance put forth by his team, and made special mention of Barnett’s batting and excellent catching in the slips (4 catches in the match). The skipper also had praise for his young, left arm fast bowler, Umar Bhatti, who took 10 wickets in the match. “I never saw him bowl better than these past 4 days”. Davison also praised the ground staff for the excellent wicket prepared for the match.

Canada will take on region rivals Bermuda from August 12 – 15

Photo gallery.

Geoff Barnett a brilliant 136



Steve Tikolo brilliant in the slips



Umar Bhatti 10 wickets in the match.



W/K Bagai goes low for the catch



Too close for comfort !



Get out of the way-Barnett on the go.



ODIs Kenya vs Canada

Game 1: Kenya won by 108 runs
Kenya 237/9 (50 overs) J. Kamande 68, S. Tikolo 50, S. Thuraisingam 4/35
Canada 129 (G. Codrington 40, H. Varaiya 3/24)

Canada's batting let the team down once again as they chased a reasonable target of 237. Wickets fell early and too frequently. Eight batsmen were back in the pavilion before reaching 100 runs. George Codrington with 40 was the only bright spot as several batsmen simply gave their 5 wickets away to poor shot selection.

Game 2: Kenya won by 5 wickets
Canada 94 (G.Barnett 35, D.Chumney 26, H.Varaiya 4/25, S.Tikolo 3/16)
Kenya 97/5 (S.Tikolo 29*, J. Davison 3/43, S. Shaniram 2/18)

The Canadian ODI team's batting is becoming a major concern as it continued to struggle for the fourth ODI in a row - two poor performances in Trinidad and again two here in Toronto against Kenya. Just when you thought it could not get any worse it did, as Canada could only muster 95 all out in their second ODI vs Kenya. Credit must be given to the bowlers and fielders who fought back to capture wickets, trying to defend against the impossible low score of 95. Spinners dominated the day's play but in the end Steve Tikolo saw his team home with 29* to give Kenya a 2-0 in the series. For his all round performance he was awarded Man of the Match.



Americas Championship – August 21st to 26th

All countries have now submitted their squads for the Americas Division 1 Championship. There are no surprises from Argentina, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands. Both of the two northern neighbours will certainly have a "new" look. Team USA under the leadership of Steve Massiah as skipper is almost 100% changed from the team that represented the US in Ireland at the ICC Trophy, while Canada in a surprise move has omitted three key players. Their formidable opening attack of Bhatti and Osinde, considered by most as the best in the Associates, will be missing, so would new comer and century maker Geoff Barnett. Former U19 national youth players Trevor Bastiampillai and Durand Soraine, together with Kendon Ottley will make their debut at the senior level.

It will be interesting to see if this squad would be able to retain the Americas title against the surging Team Bermuda and the unknown Team USA.

Americas Region teams at the Stanford 20/20



Team Bahamas

Team Bermuda

Team Cayman Islands

With the biggest prize payout in the history of cricket, black bats, orange balls and silver wickets the Stanford 20/20 began play in Antigua to record crowds (admission for regular games is free). Prize money for the play of the game (\$10,000US) and Man of the Match (\$25,000 US) will be hard to follow in the future.

Three Americas Region countries shared the pie to the tune of \$ 280,000 US each per country with individual prizes as extra to the players.

Scores and Results

1. Cayman Islands 175/4 (P.Best 74, S. Mohamed 64)
Bahamas 118/9 (L.Armstrong 40*, K. Tulloch 5/21)

Cayman Islands won by 57 runs. The Play of the Day award was won by G. Armstrong (Bahamas) and the Player of the Match was P. Best (Cayman Islands).

2. Bermuda 74 (J.E. Taylor 5/0)
Jamaica 75/1 (C. Gayle 40*)

Jamaica defeated Bermuda by 9 wickets. Play of the Match - Carlton Baugh (Jamaica) stumping of Kwame Tucker. Player of the Match was J.E. Taylor (Jamaica).

3. Cayman Islands 92 (S. Badree 3/6)
Trinidad & Tobago 93/2 (W. perkins 53)

Play of the day – M. Dillon (T&T) run out of Jalon Linton. Player of the Match S. Badree (T&T).



Toronto- Airport

MAN of the MATCH AWARDS



ICC Americas Regional Development Manager, Martin Vieira, announced prior to the start of the first Intercontinental Cup Match that two different event suppliers had agreed to sponsor the Man of the Match awards for events to be held in Toronto in August. **Marville Travel Limited** will sponsor the two Intercontinental Cup matches while the **Hampton Inn & Suites** have agreed to sponsor all 10 Man of the Match Awards in the Americas Championship.

Siva Kiruddinan, General Manager of the Hampton Inn & Suites, Toronto Airport, said “I am delighted that the Hampton Inn is involved with ICC Americas cricket and we look forward to sponsoring these awards”. The winners will receive a cash award and gift at the conclusion of the tournament. Vieira added “It is a step in the right direction for ICC Americas to obtain corporate support for the first time”. In addition to the awards, the Hampton Inn has provided the ICC Americas with discounts and concessions, which will have a major impact on the Americas Championship tournament budget.

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Men of the Match – Intercontinental Cup Kenya vs Canada



Left to right: Geoff Barnett, Canada, Richard Done ICC HP Manager and Umar Bhatti , Canada

Around the Region



CANADA

Ontario

The Ontario Cricket Association (OCA), Canada's largest league held a Cricketers Night with the Premier. Guests included CCA President Ben Sennik and ICC Americas RDM, Martin Vieira. The Premier of the Province, Hon. Dalton McGuinty pledged \$ 1 million dollars (CAD) to assist the OCA with their cricket endeavours. In his acceptance speech, OCA President, Mr. Errol Townshend stated that the Maple Leaf Cricket Club in King City will receive a substantial amount of the grant to continue their renovation project as that facility attempts to become only the second venue in the Americas to be approved for ODI competition. The other is Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club.

Also present at the dinner was the Hon. Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Michael Colle who was instrumental in getting the government to approve the grant. The OCA is the largest supplier of players to the Canadian National teams ranging from the U15 to the World Cup squads.

Alberta U19 Inter-City

Results of the U19 Inter-City Cricket Tournament held on July 8th and 9th at Victoria Park, Edmonton emerged unbeaten champions. The training camp was held on July 5th to 7th at Victoria Park.

Scores:

Saturday July 8th

Edmonton defeated Calgary

Calgary 235 all out in 49 overs. Rizwan Saleem 22, Akash Brar 31, Nishitha Gunawardena 23, Yawar Abbas 49, Sudeepa 15, Daniyal Fahim 15.

Zaheer Abbas 3/36, Jaskeerat Khalon 2/53, Lovepreet Mutti 2/43, Vidasdeep Mutti 2/33.

Edmonton 236 for 8 wkts in 44 overs. Divyang Patel 15, Zain Ahmed 38, Jaskeerat Khalon 76, Ronak Mehta 33.

Yawar Abbas 4/42, Jay Nandula 2/15.

Sunday July 9th

Edmonton defeated Calgary

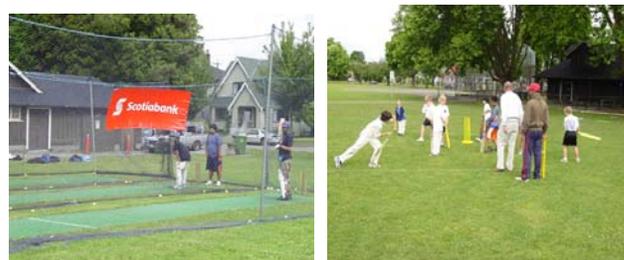
Calgary 127 all out in 43 overs. Rizwan Saleem 14, Hamza Tariq 18 no., Akash Brar 22.

Edmonton 112 for 4 wkts. In 22 overs (due to rain delay target was set for 109 runs in 37 overs). Divyang Patel 20, Abdullah Raheem 16 no, Zain Ahmed 27*. Daniyal Fahim 2/32.

Annual Vancouver Cricket Camp

Sponsored by Scotiabank and the BC Mainland Cricket League, the 35th annual Vancouver Cricket Camp ran from July 10th to 14th at Connaught Park, Vancouver, B.C. Thirty four players, ages 7 to 16, received morning coaching programs including coaching videos and an exam. Some players took part in afternoon games and others received digital technique evaluations.

Coaches included Shaun Miller, Kevin Sandher, Bilal Qaiser and Jack Kyle, with assistance from Bobby Sihota and Iqbal Alam.



Glamorgan Cricket Star to coach Canadian Ladies X1

Former Glamorgan all-rounder Tony Cordle has been appointed to coach the Canadian Ladies X1 to take part in the forthcoming qualifying matches to be held at Beacon Hill Park in Victoria, B.C. against Bermuda on September 2, 4 & 8.

Cordle enjoyed a distinguished career with the Welsh county of Glamorgan in the English County Championships between 1963 and 1984. He was a fast-medium bowler and hard-hitting batsman.

His greatest bowling feat came in 1969 when he captured 9/49 against Leicestershire and his best effort with the bat was a fighting 81 against Cambridge University in 1972. In 1985 he moved to Canada and settled in Victoria on the west coast, and over the years has coached extensively at St. Michael's University.

U15 Trials

With the Americas Cup approaching in August, the Ontario portion of the Canadian U15 selection matches at King City were both timely and instructive. The first match saw an ill-prepared Ontario side devastated 299 to 138 by a U17 team, comprised of a T&D select and Mississauga Ramblers combination. Ramblers junior Asad Zaidi plundered Ontario for 118 runs in a textbook innings that was impeccably built. Chasing a run ball, Ontario lacked the depth and experience to muster a meaningful reply.

A day of coaching and reorientation by the junior coach,

Faizil Sattaur (himself a former Canadian player) paid dividends as Ontario defeated the same team by 50 runs on the third day. Brian Henry of Overseas Cricket Club, this time batting for Ontario (Henry had scored his maiden 50 for the T&D side on day) set the platform with a patient 49 that was build on by Amir Towheed of Ajax, who ground out 28 runs during his fifteen overs in the middle, and Hussain Zaidi of Mississauga Ramblers who spanked 53 not out in a very disciplined but brisk sprint during the last 8 overs of the innings. The result was a modest but defensible total of 199 from 50 overs.

This is a good start for Canada and they need it. The 2006 U15 side is a shadow of the 2004 team that lost in Cayman; hopefully what they lack in talent and confidence they will compensate for by their evident enthusiasm, determination and responsiveness to coaching.

We are grateful for the fourth day intense coaching by Andy Pick, the CCA master coach, delivered to the short list of 15 players.

FUTURE GAMES IN TORONTO

Intercontinental Cup Bermuda vs Canada

August 12-15 at Maple Leaf CC.

ODIs at the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling

Club August 19th and 21st . Bermuda vs Canada.

Americas Championship Division 1

Warm up games:

Aug 18th Cayman vs T&D Select Maple Leaf CC
 Argentina vs Canada U23 Maple Leaf CC

Aug 19th Cayman vs Combined XI Maple Leaf CC

Aug 20th Argentina vs Ajax Ajax CC

Tournament

Aug 21 Canada vs Bermuda ODI Toronto CC
 Cayman vs USA Ross Lord (B)

Aug 22 Bermuda vs Argentina Ross Lord (B)
 Cayman vs Canada Ross Lord (A)

Aug 23 Cayman vs Bermuda Ross Lord (B)
 USA vs Argentina Ross Lord (A)

Aug 24 REST DAY

Aug 25 Bermuda vs USA Maple Leaf (A)
 Canada vs Argentina Maple Leaf (E)

Aug 26 Canada vs USA Maple Leaf (A)
 Cayman vs Argentina Maple Leaf (E)

CUBA

During the annual celebration of the Caribbean Feast of Fire July 3-9, where different countries of the area show their culture and tradition, cricket was represented for the first

Summer Program

On Saturday July 7th, the Summer Program was inaugurated with a giant Sports Festival at the Guillermon Moncada Square at Santiago. Girls and juniors of this province took part and were shown on TV to the whole country in an all-day national report related to the summer recreational activities in the different provinces.

Guantanamo organized a Cricket Adult Tournament in coordination with the Provincial Recreation Sports Department and approval and support of the CCB. Caimanera Ciudad Habana, Santiago de Cuba and Guantanamo were the participating teams. Las Tunas was represented by their umpires. Carlos Herrera traveled back for the technical supervision and control of the event. We congratulate the effort of the eastern clubs for the exchange visits taking place, which are the basis for improvement and encouragement of players. Radio Press and local and national TV sports and cultural programs have been reporting on these events.

NEW TERRITORIES

Curacao will be hosting Venezuela for 2 matches on August 10th and 11th.

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Please submit articles and photos by 25th of each month.