



ICC Americas Region News Flash

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ARGENTINA

Two day Coaching Clinic for National Women's Cricket Team

On July 27th and 28th the Argentine National Women's cricket squad got together at the Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires to have a 2-day clinic in preparation for their upcoming tournament in Canada. The objective of the clinic was to get the players together to recap everything they had learnt over the past months they were in training. Also it was a great opportunity for the players to set their goals and objectives for the upcoming tournament.

The first morning session involved going over the laws of cricket. David Gibson, one of the most experienced umpires in Argentina, and Rodrigo Scioscia, did a very well prepared presentation which covered all the main areas the players need to know. Later in the day, the ladies were coached by Hamish Barton (National Coach), Billy MacDermott (Development Manager), Chris Anderson (ACA Development Coach in Rosario) and Rodrigo Scioscia (ACA Development Coach).

The second day started with a goal setting session. This part of the clinic was very important as it got the players to think about what they wanted to achieve on the tour.

The clinic was a huge success - the players thrived in the learning environment and soaked up the information that was given to them. I think they will be very successful in Canada and it will lead the way for women's cricket into the future.

U19 Team prepares for ICC Tournament

The Argentine U19 cricket squad is leaving Argentina in 2 weeks bound

for Toronto, Canada where they will compete in the U19 ICC Americas World Cup Qualifying Tournament, which involves 5 teams – Canada, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Bahamas and Argentina.

The Argentine squad held a planning day on July 25th, setting goals, objectives and team values for the tournament. For Coach Hamish Barton, this is one of the most important parts of the team's preparation. "Goal setting and the establishment of team values are vital in any team environment, whether it be in business or sport, as it gives the team a collective focus and understanding of what the team is aiming to achieve and also what is expected of the players in terms of behaviour on and off the field".

The U19 squad was fortunate enough to have Hernan Pereyra come and speak to them. Hernan has been a long time member of the Argentine National Team and has just recently stopped playing for the National Team after 20 years. Hernan is one of the most passionate and well respected players in Argentina and also is one of the country's best ever bowlers. He spoke to the players for half an hour about the pride he has of representing Argentina, his experiences of playing international cricket, and the sacrifices you have to make to play cricket for Argentina.

BAHAMAS

U15 Developmental Tour

The Bahamas Cricket Association Under 15 team visited the Cayman Islands on a developmental tour July 3 to 11. The team was coached by John Welch with Ivan James as manager.

The first two 30 over matches were played at Smith Road Oval which Bahamas lost to the Caymans.

The final match was played at Jimmy Powel Oval as a two innings match of 15 overs each. In the first innings Cayman batted first and scored 71 for 7, with Bahamas scoring 89 for 4. In the second innings, Cayman scored 71 for 4 and the Bahamas replied with 49, losing the match by 4 runs.

It was a learning experience for the young lads as this was the first time they played against international competition and were a bit timid. They went to Cayman as boys and left as young men.



Bahamas U15 at Smith Oval (Cayman is)

U19 team trains for WCQS

The Bahamas Cricket Association Under 19 team is training hard for the ICC WCQS slated for Toronto, Canada from August 11 to 19th, where they will be playing against Canada, Bermuda, Argentina and Cayman Islands. The team is training daily at Haynes Oval in preparation for the tournament.

This is the first Affiliate country team from the Americas to compete at this level. We are hoping to do well in the tournament.



Bahamas U19 hard at work.

Stanford 20/20 Squad

The Stanford 20/20 squad played in the Lucaya Cricket Club Tournament in Freeport, Grand Bahamas against teams from Lucaya and Barbados. In the first match the 20/20 team played against Lucaya and demolished them by scoring 276 in 40 overs with Ryan Tappin scoring 106 not out and Marc Taylor 70 not out. Lucaya replied with 150 all out.

The second match was against the team from Barbados. The 20/20 team scored 326 in 40 overs with Frederick Coley scoring 120 and Kevin Surujlal 106. Barbados scored 230 runs all out in 40 overs.



Bahamas 20/20 team with Courtney Walsh

BERMUDA

Under 15s win Sir Henry Tucker Triangular Tournament

On Sunday July 15th at the National Sports Centre, the Bermuda Under 15 National Team defeated the USA Under 15 Team by 57 runs. Sherwin Hall scored 67, Shea Pitcher Jnr. hit 44 not out, while Deunte Darrell chipped in with 60, as Bermuda scored 208/7 in their 40 overs. M. Patel had bowling figures of 7-1-27-3 for USA. In reply the USA were bowled all out for 151. Greg Sewidall was the top scorer with 77, while Kevon Fubler had bowling figures of 8-3-12-4 for Bermuda.

This game is the culmination of 6 games of cricket that included the Bermuda National Women's Team. The BCB would like to thank the Bank of Bermuda Foundation for generously sponsoring this event.

21st Sir Garfield Sobers International Schools Cricket Tournament

The BCB is pleased to announce that the National U19 side will be taking part once again in the prestigious Sir Garfield Sobers International Schools Cricket Tournament, thanks to the continued sponsorship of the Montpelier Re Foundation. The U19 side will be traveling to Barbados for three weeks to compete amongst teams from all over the world.

This the third consecutive year that the U19 squad has taken part in this tournament and noticeable improvement has been witnessed through their involvement. Taking part in such a long and prestigious tournament is a unique playing opportunity and has given the team much needed exposure at an international level. As a result, there are several U19 players, Malachi Jones, Stefan Kelly and Rodney Trott, who have been selected for the National Senior side after being elevated from the National U19s. Both Malachi and Stefan played in the World Cup and they used the experience they gained from this tournament as an essential stepping stone. The tournament is an important feature of the preparation plan the Board has engineered for the U19 squad. This year the U19s will compete in the U19 Cricket World Cup qualifier for Malaysia in February 2008. The squad has been training regularly since March and competed in the BCB Premier 50 overs league.

National Squad's upcoming tour

The BCB is pleased to announce the following players have been selected for the upcoming tour of Denmark, Netherlands and Ireland in August. This tour will comprise the following fixtures:

Thursday, August 9 th	50 overs v Denmark
Friday, August 10 th	50 overs v Denmark

August 13 – 16th
Intercontinental Cup v Netherlands

Saturday, August 18th
ODI v Netherlands
Monday, August 20th
ODI v Netherlands

August 23rd – 26th
Intercontinental Cup v Ireland

Irving Romaine (Captain), Stephen Outerbridge (Vice-Captain), Dwayne Leverock, Lionel Cann, Azeem Pitcher, Kevin Hurdle, Jekon Edness, James Celestine, Maurice Lowe, Roderick Masters, George O'Brien, Arthur Pitcher, Ryan Steede, Greg Maybury.

Ann Browne-John returns to Bermuda

The BCB is pleased to announce that Ann Browne-John, ICC Women's Committee Representative, former West Indies Captain and Level 2 WICB Coach, is arriving in Bermuda for a ten-day period to assist in the preparation and development of the National Women's squad. She will work closely with the National Women's Coach, Mr. Allan Douglas, in an intensive training camp on technical, physical, tactical and strategic aspects of the women's game. Accompanying Ann Browne-John are two West Indies full international cricketers, Miss Kirbyina Alexander and Miss Anisa Mohammed. Both women will provide quality practice for the Bermuda women's team.

This visit forms part of the Board's comprehensive preparation program leading up to the Women's World Cup qualifier in Lahore, Pakistan (November 2007). This program includes:

- Regular training
- Competitive games in the BF&M U16 League and the men's evening league
- Training camp in Toronto in August
- Participation in ICC Regional tournament in August.

We are excited to welcome Ann Browne-John back to Bermuda with both Miss Mohammed and Miss Alexander who will add an exciting dimension to the women's training program.

Other News

BF&M Insurance Group and the Women's National Cricket Team recently announced that they have joined forces to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness. Every time the Women's National Cricket Team gets a wicket against an opponent during one of their Americas Women's Championship games leading up to their World Cup qualifying matches, their sponsor BF&M will donate \$25 towards Breast Cancer Awareness.

BCB President Reginald Pearman said "The BCB and the Women's National Team are very excited to be a part of this initiative with BF&M and the Bermuda TB Cancer & Health Association. Breast cancer affects the lives of many and it is fitting for the women's squad to be involved in raising funds for such a cause.... We wish them the best of luck in the run up to the qualifiers and look forward to them taking many wickets to assist this worthy cause!"



BRAZIL

The Brazil women's team continues to train for its upcoming series against their Argentine counterparts, slated for September 7-9 in Curitiba. The team is based in Brasilia, and is coached by Brazil men's team bowler Rudyard Hartmann. Sponsors in Brasilia and Curitiba, in addition to donations from players around the country, will be used to help with accommodation and ground transport.

Long-time Brazil player and scorer David Tilman recently completed the ICC Introductory Umpiring and Scoring course, held in San Jose, Costa Rica and will be looking to take the follow-up course in October.

Heavy rains for the past month have prevented any play in Curitiba and Sao Paulo, though some clear skies allowed the Curitiba players to stage an off-season practice game on July 29th. Nothing odd in that, except the temperature was 4 degrees! As far as your correspondent knows, this was the coldest game of cricket ever played in Brazil. On the brighter side, it did give everyone a look at some newly-arrived players including Daniel Linhares, a Brazilian who has spent the past year playing cricket in Melbourne. Despite the cold (or probably because of it) the action was quite spirited, and all the newcomers will be welcome additions to Curitiba's two teams.

CANADA

St. Lucia Sports Minister visits Canada

St. Lucia's Minister of Sport, Leonard Montoute, paid a visit to the Canadian Cricket Association in Toronto to discuss the possibility of future Canadian teams using their facilities for winter training. In the discussions, both Minister Montoute and Ben Sennik, President of the CCA, said they welcome the opportunity to enter into a working relationship with cricket in St. Lucia. Also discussed was the possibility of inviting Mr. Ken Crafton, Curator at Beausejour Park, to assist and train locals in the preparation of turf wickets.

Intercontinental Cup

Canada started its first leg of the Intercontinental Cup 2007-08 in the new 8 team round-robin format in Toronto against the Netherlands. In a game that went back and forth over the four days, there were periods where the batsmen dominated and other sessions where the bowlers took over. However, the dominance with the ball by Mangesh Panchal bowled the Netherlands to a 45 run victory. Canada secured first innings lead getting 6 points while the Netherlands got 14 points for their win.

Canada got its revenge at the expense of the United Arab Emirates in the tournament. The UAE found difficulty with the pace of Steve Welsh who captured 12 wickets in the match for 93 runs. Canada had fine batting display from young Trevin

Bastiampillai and captain Sunil Dhaniran, defeating the UAE by an innings and 228 runs. Canada 450 (123.3 overs) UAE 112 and 108.

Upcoming Events



Ave Mogan has been named Captain of the Canadian Women's team to compete in the inaugural Women's ICC Americas Championship which will include teams from Argentina, Bermuda and Trinidad & Tobago, to be played at King City August 20th to 24th.

This championship tournament will follow the U-19 male World Cup qualifying event to be played at the same venue from August 9th to 18th with formidable contenders Argentina, Bahamas, Bermuda and Cayman Islands participating. Canada hopes to raise its flag high by winning both events.

Toronto Cricketer sets Batting Record

Toronto cricketer Ifran Rabbani who is a right-hand batsman, set a new batting record for Canadian cricket when he scored 304 (48x4, 6x6) while playing for the Apollo Cricket Club against the United Cricket Club in the first division of the Canadian Commonwealth Cricket Association competition on July 7. The old record was 280 n/o set by right-hand Canadian international batsman Don Maxwell, while playing for the York University Cricket Club against the Commonwealth Cricket Club in the Toronto & District Cricket Association competition in 1990.

Reminder

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CHILE

The Chilean Cricket Association held an Introduction to Cricket Coaching course in the Fifth Region in July and now has another 13 new coaches ready to work in the schools.

Colegio Umbral de Curauma continue their preparations for the Under 13 hardball season scheduled to begin in October. Pictured are all-rounder Juan Pablo Alegria (12 overs,25 runs,6 wickets and 47 runs) and Matias Ortega (8.4 overs,13 runs,11 wickets).



The Chilean Cricket Association created the Asociacion Deportiva Regional Metropolitana de Cricket which was recognized recently by Chile Deportes. The regional association paves the way for government funding for cricket in Santiago.



SURINAME

Surinamese School Cricket Project

The Surinamese Cricket Association has started a school project in 200 primary schools. This is a five year program which entails the teaching of the physical training teachers of primary schools, and in turn they will pass on their cricket knowledge to

students ages 8 to 12 years old in the primary schools during school time.

Early in the year (January) the physical teachers were trained and in the first week of August the students will be trained by these teachers – about 12,000 children. On a later date the different classes will have internal school competition. From August 2008 an annual school competition will be organized to include these 200 schools at a district level.

The instruction for this project is in the hands of Mr. M. Sukdeo, assisted by R. Mohamed and C. Bonar. This project was done by the Surinamese Cricket Association together with the assistance of the directorates of Education and Sports Affairs.



Part of group of teachers during a training session at the SCA's building

TURKS & CAICOS

Jamaica All Stars win Provo 20/20 tournament

The Jamaica All Stars captured the first ever 20/20 competition in the Turks & Caicos Islands when they beat the Caribbean Cavaliers by 15 runs in the final at the Downtown Ball Park in Providenciales. Batting first, the All Stars amassed 204 for 3 from their quota of overs. Douglas Brown led the way with a swashbuckling 120, the first century of the competition. Cavaliers replied with 189 for 5 from their 20 overs.

The competition which was organized by the Providenciales Cricket Association was used as part of the preparation for TCI's participation in the Stanford 20/20 tournament.

International X1 beat Jamaica All Stars in Provo cricket match

An International X1 beat the Jamaica All Stars by 3 wickets in a feature 20/20 cricket match played at the Downtown Ball Park in Providenciales. The All Stars totaled 142 from their 20 overs while the International X1 replied with 145 for 7 wickets in 18.4 overs.

Other News

Calvin Chase recently returned from an umpiring seminar in Costa Rica where he became the only qualified cricket umpire in the Turks & Caicos Islands. Chase achieved 96% in the exam which followed lectures on the laws of the game. He is now qualified to umpire local games as well as conduct training sessions for aspiring umpires in the TCI. Chase will take the Level 1 course in October which will qualify him to officiate in games played in the region. The seminar was sponsored by the International Cricket Council for representatives of its affiliate member territories.

The summer camp organized by the Association got underway July 21st at the Downtown Ball Park. The camp is targeting youths between the ages of 8 and 13 – some 20 such youths turned up on the Saturday.

Youths are being taught the fundamentals of the game with the aim being to start a school competition by the end of the year.

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