



AMERICAS NEWSFLASH

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I-Cup

An ever improving young Bermudan squad defeated Canada in their I-Cup match played in Toronto, Canada July 4-7. Bermuda defeated Canada by 106 runs in a low scoring contest. Dwayne Leverock took 10 wickets in the match to capture Man of the Match honours. Canada went down to a second defeat at the hands of Scotland. This time the margin of victory was substantial as Scotland won by an innings and 165 runs.

Scores: *Canada 228 and 151* *Scotland 374*
Bermuda 237 and 248 *Canada 79 and 130*

The current standings find Canada and Bermuda tied with 26 points at the bottom of the points table.

Progress in Dubai

RDMs and other Development Department staff attended the 2008 Staff Conference in Dubai, July 12-18. Highlights of the conference included a detailed briefing on:

- New funding policy and reporting procedures
- Submission of the annual data survey on line
- KPI Targets
- Tour of the new stadium and facilities at the Sports City Complex



Left: Americas RDO, Grant Dugmore and ECC Richard Holdsworth, RDM Right: Susan Lowrey, ECC checks out progress on the new 25,000 seat stadium (center)

U15 Americas

Six teams will compete for the Americas U15 Championship in Bermuda August 4-10, 2008. Teams representing the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Cayman Islands and USA will be joined by a Development X1. Pre-tournament favourites Bermuda will have stiff competition from defending champion USA and an improving squad from Canada.

Academy

Twelve U19 players from five countries will spend ten days of intense training at the National Cricket Complex in Trinidad from August 5-16. A detailed program was put together by Head Coach Kelvin Williams.

ICC Americas would like to thank the Trinidad & Tobago Cricket Board for their kind assistance in making this project possible.



ARGENTINA

It has been a quiet month, with schools on holidays but an action packed August is ahead of us.

Highlight of the month was the **Third Multimar Junior Winter Cup** which was played on the first weekend of July. Unfortunately the weather once again played a major part as the day's play was brought to an early end.

The tournament was once again kindly hosted by St. George's College. There were four teams from Lomas A.C, Belgrano A.C, St. Alban's and St. George's that took part in the event, with each team playing two matches.

All matches were based on 15 overs per side. It was encouraging to note the improvement of many of the players, thanks to these Winter Cups and the coaching clinics held over the past three months. Unfortunately the rain came towards the end of another successful day with both matches still to complete their final innings.

The day was completed with some drinks and food for the kids and the group watching a DVD on international cricket. Once again, another successful day and looking good for a busy three months before the 2008/09 season kicks off.

BAHAMAS

The Bahamas Cricket Association will be sending its Under 15 team to Hamilton, Bermuda on August 1, 2008 to participate in the ICC Americas Under 15 Tournament from August 2-10, 2008. The team

is captained by Jermaine Adderley, who recently was a member of the Americas team in the CLICO Tournament.



Jermaine Adderley to skipper the Bahamas

It's another first for the Bahamas and an Affiliate country in the Americas to send a full squad of players. The squad is looking to do well in its first international tournament. According to two of the players, Jermaine Adderley and Rudolph Fox, they are looking to show off what they have learnt from the CLICO Tournament and what CLICO's Coach Cuffy taught them.

Cricket Camp

Marc Taylor from the Bahamas will be attending a cricket camp at the Sir Frank Worrell Development Centre in Trinidad from August 6-17, 2008. He was selected to attend the camp at last year's Under 19 Tournament in Canada. Marc is excited as ever, as he eats, sleeps and dreams about playing cricket and would like to become a professional cricketer.
Congratulations Marc!



BELIZE

Brilliant Cricket Club Vies to Win its Third Consecutive Championship

With only one match remaining before the start of the playoffs in the Harrison Parks National Competition, Lawrence Banner (Captain of Brilliant Cricket Club) is quite confident that his team will win its third consecutive championship. Brilliant is the 2006 and 2007 champion of this premier competition, which is held in Belize annually from January to August. Despite Banner's confidence, his team will have to get past powerhouses like Wicket Eleven, Excellence, Sunrise and Surprise in the playoffs before they can claim their third championship in three years. This will not be easy and will add some colour to the playoffs, which will begin shortly.

In other cricket news, former West Indian batsman Clayton Lambert will lead the Atlanta Lions Cricket Club of the USA on a tour to Belize in August 2008. The visiting team will play two matches against the national champion and the national team. While in Belize, Lambert will also coach junior cricketers on behalf of the Belize National Cricket Association.

BRAZIL

Sao Paulo starts their Twenty20 Season

(as reported by Matthew French)

On Sunday, July 27th the Sao Paulo Cricket Club hosted a 20-20 over match. The game started quite late and the Rest of the World quickly set on their way to reach a score of

96 (Matt French top scoring with 41). The Indian side set upon their total with a solid 24 from Mr. Kamil and quick fire 18 from Mr. Viki Chaudhari. After a few good overs from the bowling side, the game was dangling in the balance when unfortunately it had to be abandoned due to bad light.

Brasilia loses two great players (as reported by Vincent Bastick)

Ambassador Haroon Shaukat, who played a huge part in reviving cricket in Brasilia at a time when less players were turning up, recently returned to Pakistan to take up an important position there in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Through his patronage, a new team was formed in the district, made up of an extremely keen and talented group of Pakistani players, who are now an integral part of the cricket scene in DF. Haroon's contribution is greatly appreciated and we sincerely hope he visits again in the future to have a few more games with us.

Best of luck to you Haroon, and to all your family who supported the game so willingly.

One of the best players in Brasilia in recent years is leaving us. Haike Manning (wicket-keeper, opening bat and sometimes First Secretary of the New Zealand Embassy) was a member of the all-conquering Brasilia squad which won the Inaugural 20/20 Cup in Curitiba in November 2005 and again, Haike leading the way, in 2006. As a motivator, tactician and reader of the game, Haike was a very valuable leader, whether as captain or vice-captain. Haike and his wonderful better half, Irene, are heading back to the Land of the Long White Cloud (NZ) and we wish them a fond farewell.

May you enjoy the worst of the Wellington winter and think of us here from time to time. Come back soon.

CANADA

Cricket Canada mourns the tragic death of Chandrakanthan Navaratnam (Chandran), a founding member of the Centurions Cricket Club, who passed away following a vehicular accident near Woodstock, Ontario on July 24, 2008. Chandran captained Centurions Cricket Club in their first year in the TDCA in 1988. He was a reputed left arm orthodox spinner and played for the club until 2002 when he moved to Michigan, USA to pursue his career.

Cricket Canada would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Chandrakanthan Navaratnam (Chandran).

Ramesh Jagoo inducted into the Sarnia Lambton Sports Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Ramesh Jagoo who has been recognized for his contribution to the game of cricket in Canada and to the community of Sarnia Lambton. Ramesh is the founding member of the Sarnia Cricket Club and has held several executive positions with the Southern Ontario Cricket Association and the national body. His last position was 2nd Vice President of Cricket Canada.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Prison Cricket Club are the new Champions of the **Money Express Division 1**, defeating outgoing champions Police by 64 runs in a wonderful finale to Division 1 League matches 2008.

Batting first, Prison had the perfect start with partnerships building at the fall of every wicket. All first six batsmen got to double figures, threatening to build a score in excess of 300. But it was not to be! Police showed their capabilities by restricting the powerful Prison line up to 214 runs.

Astute captaincy by Saheed Mohamed, who utilized his spin

bowlers to maximum effect, took the match away from Police and won him Man of the Match.

In Money Express Division 2 action, run away champions West Bay was beaten for the first time this season by Pro Plus. Other action saw BrightStaff Greenies TOO defeating Team DTA by 3 wickets.

CHILE

The Chilean Cricket Association took a massive stride forward this month as the Ministry of Sport in Chile (ChileDeportes) agreed to sponsor the Chilean Cricket Association. ChileDeportes has agreed to supply Cricket Chile with backing letters which will allow the national cricket association to approach major sponsors for more funding. Whilst ChileDeportes will not be directly funding any cricket projects for 2008, the move is the first step towards receiving funding and should see Cricket Chile in a position to apply for significant funding in 2009.

The agreement is the fruit of many hours of groundwork by NDO Patricio Caamano, who had several crucial meetings with Jaime Pizarro, the Minister for Sport in Chile.

Local University supports Winter Academy

The winter training program received a welcome boost as the Universidad de las Americas agreed to allow the junior training squads full access to their sporting facilities, both in Santiago and Vina del Mar.

PERU

It has been a relatively quiet July for Peruvian cricket but there are plenty of activities in the pipeline. An application has been made to the ICC for a special grant to help construct cricket nets in the Hiram Bingham School in Lima. Construction is planned to start in

late August. It is hoped that these facilities will provide excellent training facilities, particularly during the off-season.

Plans are also afoot to begin schools coaching. Miles Buesst completed last year's Beginners Course and will take on a role in the coming months. There has also been some interest shown from other parties abroad. Markham College will again run a cricket activity this term and the first schools game for (at least) 30 years is planned in late August between Markham College and Cambridge College.



SURINAME

Mr. Akbal Mohamed, member of the Holland Cricket Association (KNCB) has visited Suriname and had a meeting with the Surinamese Cricket Association about having cooperation between the two Associations. It is agreed that further meetings will be held on the subject.



Board members of SCA

The Surinamese Cricket Association has organized a cricket tournament (with windball) between four teams from four secondary schools in district Wanica. This experiment was very successful and next year a tournament will be organized between the secondary schools from three districts. The organization is in the hands of Mr. R. Mohamed and four phys ed. teachers from the secondary schools.



President of SCA speaks to participants of the Secondary school at KD playing grounds in Wanica

We thank the following for their contributions this month:
Gary Savage (Argentina); Greg Taylor (Bahamas); Elston Wade (Belize); Ian Webster, Vince Bastick and Matt French (Brazil); Calvin Clarke and Wijay Senathirajah (Canada); Theo Cuffy (Cayman Islands); Michael Meade (Chile); Harry Hildebrand (Peru); Raj Narain (Suriname)



Tournament Schedule

Preliminary Phase

Group A



Ireland



Scotland



Bermuda

Group B



Kenya



Netherlands



Canada

Saturday Aug 2
9.30am

Kenya v
Netherlands

1pm

Ireland v
Scotland

4.30pm

Netherlands v
Canada

Sunday August 3
9.30am

Scotland v
Bermuda

1pm

Kenya v
Canada

4.30pm

Ireland v
Bermuda

Semi-Finals

Aug 4 - 9.30am
1st Group A vs 2nd
Group B

Semi-final 1

Aug 4 - 1pm
1st Group B vs 2nd
Group A

Semi-final 2

4.30pm

3rd-4th Place
play-off

Play-offs

Tuesday August 5
9.30am

5th-6th Place
play-off

Tuesday August 5
1pm

Final

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