

U19 WCQT Americas Region

Five nations taking part in this tournament are preparing to converge on the host city, Toronto.

Argentina, Bermuda and USA are all arriving early to get a few warm up matches in before the tournament starts on July 14th. Local clubs in Toronto, Ajax and Waterloo together with a touring team from India (Mumbai Cricket Academy) will provide the opposition.

Development Forum

Twelve national associations have confirmed they will be sending delegates to the Americas Development Forum to be held at the conclusion of the U19 Tournament on July 20th. Delegates arriving early will be able to watch the final few days of the WCQT being played in Toronto.

Around the Region

Argentina

Deep into the chilly Argentine winter, the U19 squad has been preparing earnestly for the forthcoming Americas U19 Championships to be held in Toronto, Canada, July 12-20, 2003. The squad has been training three times a week since April, under the expert guidance of South African coach Chris Anderson. National team players, Matias Paterlini and Gaston Arizaga, have also been assisting regularly. It is always a particularly

demanding preparation process, especially bearing in mind the cold temperatures, sometimes below zero, and seasonal wet weather during the months in advance of the event.

The full squad has now been finalized. Amongst the fourteen players, five played in the previous Americas U19 Championships held in Bermuda, 2001. All the players are Argentina born.

A touring team from Australia provided some useful opposition to many of the squad in April this year.

Canada

Two U17 camps will be held in August. British Columbia will host the Western camp and Toronto, Ontario the Eastern camp. These camps are used to develop the skills of young players and identify talent for future Provincial squads to the Canada Cup U18 Canadian Championship held every second year.

Canada's Club Championship (John Ross Robertson Cup) begins in mid June in several cities.

Umar Bhatti, graduate of the WICB Academy in Grenada, is selected as Captain of the Canada U19 team, hoping to defend the Americas U19 Championship in Toronto.

Cuba

The Cuba Cricket Commission in coordination with the National Sports Institution (INDER) Ciego de Avila Province, Baragua Municipal and Cuba-Deportes S.A. are proud to announce A CRICKET CLUB FESTIVAL scheduled for July 29th through August 1st, 2004. The tournament will cover the first three days July 29th to 31st, 2004 followed by a Whole Day Traditional Fiesta on August 1st, commemorating the slavery emancipation of Anglo-Caribbean countries. The objective of this event is to achieve promotion, relationship, and experience from cricket countries of the CCAM and increase motivation in our country. “A boost for the Cricket Family”

Clubs interested in more information and registration no later than November 15, 2003 should contact: President Lic. Leona Ford email leona@inder.co.cu

Cayman Islands

The historic visit of the Marylebone Cricket Club to the Cayman Islands (June 16 – 23) brought an enjoyable time to the visitors and much needed experience to the Cayman players. This visit was made more special as it became part of the Cayman Islands Quincentennial celebrations (500 years). MCC played four matches winning all and had one coaching session. Cayman exposed a wide cross section of cricketers (39) providing a great opportunity to the professional aspect of the game. None was more so than in the last match against the Cayman senior team when the rains came

and the Duckworth/Lewis system had to be applied. CICA wishes to specially thank the ICC Global Development program.

Included in this tour was a special reception by the Governor of the Cayman Islands, Mr. Bruce Dinwiddy and Mrs. Dinwiddy. At the conclusion of the visit, many awards were distributed to the outstanding players and officials who participated in the matches.

Results

MCC vs Cayman I. Under 19 - 50 overs
MCC – 231 for 9 (M. Mortimore 78 n.o., R. Roach 4/31)
C.I. U/19 – 137 (J. Kirkconnell 53, G.Ebanks 25, R. Pack 4/31)

MCC vs C.I. President’s XI – 30 overs (reduced from 50)
C.I. President XI – 79 (C.Smith 20, J.Barrett 3/15, N. Heaton 2/10)
MCC - 80 for 6 (N.Heaton 16, R.Greatorex 15 n.o, H.Robinson 3/10, S.Mohammed 2/13)

MCC vs C.I. Masters – 40 overs
MCC – 192 for 7 (T.Alam 62, M.Drewhurst 30, W. Gooding 3/41)
C.I. Masters – 134 (C. Young 41, S.Barnes 3/16, R. Pack 2/16)

MCC vs C.I. National Team
C.I. National Team – 159 (S.Gordon 38, P.Wight 28, C. Baker 3/28, N.Heaton 2/22)
MCC - 103 for 3 (M.Dewhurst 42, T.Alam 25, F.Hinds 2/24)

Panama Cricket Association

PCA reports their season, which runs from January to May, saw 17 teams participate. The final was contested between **Dada Bhai Cricket Club** and **Muslim Cricket Club**. Muslim CC won the ties and elected to bat, scoring 165 all out in the 38th over. Dada Bhai replied with 166/5 in the 36th over to win the championship. Yusuf Jasat who took five wickets, held four catches and scored 25 runs, was honoured as the Man of the Match. The Indian Ambassador in Panama presented the trophy to the skipper of the winning side.

U.S.A.

A new Executive Committee was appointed at the USACA meeting held June 7, 2003 in Newark, New Jersey.

President: Gladstone Dainty
1st Vice President: P.K. Guha
2nd Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Bobby Refaie
Treasurer: Selwyn Caesar

The U19 trials for Team USA was held in Plano, Texas in May. The team will hope to win the Americas Championship as their senior counterparts did, and qualify for the 2004 Youth World Cup in Bangladesh.

Steve Hooper reports that a Junior U13 and 15 Cricket Jamboree and Clinic are being held in Utah – June 30th to July 4th.

Mike Ghouse, President, North Texas Cricket Association, reports that their model umpiring courses are being seriously considered by many leagues around the States, namely Atlanta, Houston and Kansas. “John Boaden and Anwar Shahabuddin are

in demand – we are proud of them and their commitment to cricket”.

The Western Conference Championship was held May 24, 2003 in Chicago between the Central West, South West, North West and Central East regions. Central West convincingly defeated both of the teams from California to win the championship.

WI Ladies Tournament

The ladies of Canada and the United States made cricket history in June when they took part in the West Indies Ladies Cricket Championships held in Grenada.

The North American Ladies X1 led by Beverley Browne of the U.S. and Ave Morgan of Canada, acquitted themselves quite well in a tournament which was largely marred by rain.

Although they failed to record a victory in the Championships, the ladies did themselves proud and it is hoped this important advance in women’s cricket in the Americas will lead to bigger things in the coming years.

Final Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Trinidad & Tobago	5	3	-	1	1	12
St. Lucia	5	3	1	-	1	10
Jamaica	5	1	1	1	2	7
St. Vincent & Gren.	5	1	2	-	2	5
Grenada	5	1	2	-	2	5
Guyana	5	-	3	-	2	2
Canada/USA	5	-	5	-	-	0

Please submit articles and photos (in JPEG) no later than the **25th of each month** to

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