



**ICC Media Releases June-July 2004.**

**WC 2007 Venues Announced**

Guyana ,Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Jamaica, Antigua, St.Kitts , St.Lucia and Grenada have been selected to host WC 2007 games. Bermuda is listed as the first alternate while the bid from Florida ,USA was unsuccessful.

**New ICC Website**

Watch for the launching of the new ICC Website scheduled for early July. Same address – [www.icc.cricket.org](http://www.icc.cricket.org). Under “regions” visit the Americas for all the news and tournament results.

**World’s best players and teams to be honoured at cricket’s ‘Oscars’**

International cricket’s most outstanding players and teams of the past 12 months will be honoured with the inauguration of a series of awards to be presented at a gala ceremony in England this September. ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed said the awards provided a unique celebration and annual opportunity to recognize individual and team performance over the past year. “The establishment of the ICC Awards is a significant and important initiative for international cricket, and for the players in particular”, said Mr. Speed.

Players from all Full Member countries, as well as Kenya and the United States of

America, who will be in London preparing for the ICC Champions Trophy, are expected to attend the Awards ceremony on September 7.

The gala event, to be staged at London’s prestigious Alexandra Palace, will become an annual feature on the international cricket calendar. All international players will be invited to attend cricket’s equivalent of the ‘Oscars’, with the ceremony to be telecast around the world.

Seven player-related awards will be presented on the night in two categories: individual and team awards.

*The individual awards are:*

- Cricketer of the Year;
- Test Player of the Year;
- One-Day International Player of the Year; and
- Emerging Player of the Year.

*The team awards are:*

- Test Team of the Year;
- One-Day International Team of the Year; and
- Spirit of Cricket Award

**ICC Media Release (July 1, 2004)**

The ICC’s annual meetings at Lord’s Cricket Ground concluded July 1 with the ICC Annual Conference.

### **International Cricket in Zimbabwe**

The ICC Board endorsed the recommendation of the earlier sub-committee meeting in Dubai in relation to the immediate playing future of the Zimbabwe team as follows:

- The Test matches scheduled to be played by Zimbabwe against Pakistan and England before the end of the year to be deferred to a date yet to be determined.
- Zimbabwe to continue to play the One-Day International matches scheduled under the Future Tours Program (FTP) including those scheduled against England and Pakistan in October and November and the ICC Champions Trophy in England this September.
- India and South Africa to undertake 'A' team tours of Zimbabwe during July and August to facilitate more first-class cricket exposure for the Zimbabwean team.
- Zimbabwe to continue its FTP Test match commitments from January 2005 when it plays against Bangladesh.

ICC's President Ehsan Mani explained the rationale behind the ICC Board's decision. "The ICC's focus is, and will continue to be, the international implications of this issue", said Mr. Mani. "I am pleased that the ICC Board has accepted the recommendations of the sub-committee in relation to Zimbabwe's playing future".

### **Location of the ICC Headquarters**

A decision on the future location of the ICC headquarters has been deferred because of a late submission by the UK government in relation to arrangements concerning the ICC's operations in England that was received on the eve of the meeting. ICC President Ehasn Mani explained that new information has necessitated the deferment of the decision to move from split locations in London and Monaco to one central headquarters. "Proposals from the UK, Dubai and Malaysia were under consideration at the ICC Board meeting", said Mr. Mani.

To accurately assess this information the ICC Board opted to defer the decision on the future location of the ICC headquarters to its October meeting.

### **Status of Asia Cup matches**

The ICC Board determined that all matches at this year's Asia Cup – including those between Associate Members – will have One-Day International status.

### **New Members of the ICC**

The applications of three new countries were approved for membership at the ICC Annual Conference in the Long Room at Lord's. China, Mexico and the Isle of Man become the ICC's newest members, taking total membership of the ICC to 92 countries. All three will have Affiliate Member status so that the ICC now has 10 Full Members, 27 Associate Members and 55 Affiliate Members.

### **New ICC Vice-President**

At the same Annual Conference, Percy Sonn was elected to the position of ICC Vice-President. Mr. Sonn was nominated by South Africa, whose turn it was to select a candidate for the position. The former President of the United Cricket Board of South Africa will now serve a one-year term as ICC Vice-President before taking over from ICC President Ehsan Mani at next year's Annual Conference.

The final meeting of the week is the ICC Development (International) Ltd. Board meeting starting in Monaco on July 2. The commercial arm of the ICC will discuss issues relating to the ICC Cricket World Cup and the ICC Super Series. Announcements on both topics are expected July 5.

### **ICC Super Series**

Cricket Australia was delighted to learn the ICC will stage the inaugural ICC Super Series in Australia in October 2005. The super series- a first for world cricket- will see a combined World XI compete against the number one ranked one-day international team in a three-match series at the Telstra Dome on the 5, 7 and 9 October 2005 and a World XI competing against the

number one Test nation in a one-off six day Test match at the Sydney Cricket Ground from 14 October 2005.



## **BERMUDA**

### **West Indies select Bermuda as host for Champions Trophy training camp**

The BCB and the West Indies Cricket Board recently announced a 13-day training camp for the full West Indies squad expected to compete in the Champions Trophy in England in September. The West Indies squad, expected to be 14 players and 4 officials, will have a customized schedule that will feature a number of exhibition games, youth clinics and player appearances, along with the fitness and cricket training workouts the team needs to prepare for the Champions Trophy.

BCB President, Reginald Pearman said: "We are very pleased and excited to have the opportunity to host the West Indies later this year. It is a testament to the quality of the infrastructure in Bermuda, the passion for the game shared by all Bermudians and the strength of the relationship between the BCB and the WICB that this training camp has been scheduled for Bermuda".

Zorol Barthley, Chief Cricket Operations Officer of the West Indies Cricket Board, was equally positive. "Bermuda has proven itself as a quality cricket venue and host. It is the only country in the world that celebrates a 2-day annual vacation for a cricket game and that passion for the game is reflected in numbers of people that regularly visit the West Indies for our home series each year. Last year, our captain, Brian Lara, and a small contingent of Test players visited Bermuda for an exhibition game and to attend the Eastern County Classic. The reports that we received from

them all were outstanding. Barthley continued: "We are confident that Bermuda will provide the players the much needed focused quality time to prepare for the Champions Trophy, one of the most prestigious championships now available in World Cricket".

The West Indies will fly directly from London to Bermuda after finishing their 4 Test series in England on August 24<sup>th</sup> and are scheduled to return to the UK on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The possibility exists for a mouth-watering match-up between West Indies and Barbados, the current West Indies 3-day and 1-day champions, as the Barbados team is currently planned to be in Bermuda in early September.

Reginald Pearman noted: "The final itinerary has not been approved yet, so at this juncture it is impossible to begin to list the various dates of events right now, but I do expect further announcements in the near future."

### **Lloyd's competing against Bermuda for the Catlin Trophy**

The 10-day tour of Lloyd's Cricket Club from June 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> included a match against the National Senior Team on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The touring team played additional games against a BCB Board XI, a BCB Development XI and the Legtrappers CC, the last two played as day/night games during the week. See our July issue for all scores.

### **Intercontinental Cup**

Bermuda takes on the USA in the Intercontinental Cup series, July 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Official Senior National Team Sponsor for forthcoming World Cup Qualifier**

Hot on the heels of the recent VAT visit, the BCB announced on June 16<sup>th</sup> a new corporate partner for the National Senior Team for the upcoming World Cup Qualifying Series that starts on July 6<sup>th</sup> until Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Reginald Pearman, President of the Bermuda Cricket Board described the

partnership: “Colonial International Group will be the Official BCB sponsor for the *World Cup Qualifying Series* that will feature 3 games of cricket each day for 5 days over the above period. As a direct result of Colonial’s support the Bermuda public will have the opportunity to view games at the showcase venue of Bermuda, the National Sports Centre”. “We are proud to associate the National side in this prestigious event with a first-class organization like Colonial International Group”.

Each of the 6 countries will have the opportunity to play at the NSC, with Bermuda playing there 3 times, including the mouth-watering games against World Cup qualifiers Canada and 6 Nations Champions USA on the weekend games (July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>).

The schedule for the National Stadium is as follows:

- Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>:  
USA v Cayman
- Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup>:  
Argentina v Canada
- Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>:  
Bermuda v Bahamas
- Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Bermuda v Canada
- Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>  
Bermuda v USA

Alan Peacock, CEO and President of Colonial Group commented: “Colonial recognize the importance of the game of cricket to Bermuda –

1. Cricket is one of the country’s National sports, there is major participation by players and spectators
2. The Cup match holiday draws spectators from all parts of the community
3. All sports, including cricket, provide education in the values of fair play, respect for the competition, the

importance of teamwork, dedication and the pursuit of excellence”.

The Minister of Community Affairs and Sport, the Hon. Dale Butler JP MP noted: “I am happy to note the considerable impetus this gives to Bermuda cricket. With the recent completion of the pavilion at the North Field, this tournament will be the inaugural international competition to be held at the NSC and we expect the quality of the infrastructure to be mirrored by the standard of play from Bermuda and its opponents Canada, USA, Cayman, Argentina, and Bahamas.

### **World Cup Bid**

Chris Dehring, Managing Director of CWC 2007 Inc. and Donald Lockerbie, Director of the Venue Development at the CWC 2007 Team, both highlighted the incredible experience the 12 VAT team members enjoyed during their 20-hour visit to Bermuda. The business of hosting Cricket World Cup games is not just a question of good cricket facilities but also aspects including all 24 deliverables, accommodation, medical facilities, transportation, telecommunications etc. and experts from all fields have been involved in pursuing the Bid.

Chris Dehring commented: “We’ve seen a side to Bermuda which clearly demonstrates you have a lot of organizational skills and an immense amount of capability. You know what the Cricket World Cup is all about. Every ministry, every citizen has to get involved to host this kind of event and Bermuda had demonstrated that it is not only willing but very capable”.

### **CANADA**

#### **Toronto Ladies Cricket X1 off to good start**

The Toronto Ladies X1 led by Ave Mogan have made a good start to the 2004 season, which augurs well for ladies cricket in Toronto and Canada.

The Ladies X1 have scheduled a series of friendly matches against local male clubs in Southern Ontario and Toronto for the summer and have been doing well under the coaching of Frank Persaud. Unfortunately, the opening game against the York Cricket Club on May 2 at Glendon College was rained out.

The second match against the Heartlake Cricket Club in Brampton on May 29 resulted in a loss. Heartlake C.C. batted first and scored 235 runs for the loss of 6 wickets off 35 overs. The Ladies X1 replied with 185 runs off 39 overs to go down to defeat by 52 runs.

The Ladies X1 bounced back in the third match against the London Cricket Club on June 5 when they won by 4 wickets. London C.C. batted first and were dismissed for 136 runs off 32 overs. Mona Persaud 3 for 9 and Jennifer Sundralingam 2 for 16 bowled well. In reply the Ladies X1 scored the necessary runs for the loss of 6 wickets. Skipper Ave Mogan top scored with 22.

Success came again in the fourth match against the Inverhaugh Cricket Club at Guelph on June 13. The home team were bundled out for 112 runs off 30 overs. Once again right-hander Mona Persaud was the leading trundler to capture 4 for 17. Glenda James, a former national player for St. Lucia, played a stylish innings to score 37 and guide the Ladies X1 to victory by 6 wickets.

Argentina paid a quick visit to Toronto on their way to Bermuda. The visitors lost to a local club (Malton Sports Club) on Saturday and won against the CCA U23 squad on Sunday July 4.

## CAYMAN ISLANDS

Plans are well on the way to staging the Americas U15 tournament from July 21-25, 2004. Teams from Canada, Bermuda, USA and the host Cayman Islands will compete in the round robin tournament which will be followed by a Cayman festival cup on the final day.

## TURKS & CAICOS

Police beat Back Salina Brawlers by 22 runs as the Grand Turk Cricket Association (GTCA) 2004 series ended June 16 at the Parade Ground in Grand Turk. The lawmen, who wrapped up the series with a victory over Cable & Wireless Palm Grove, were dismissed for 144. Back Salina could only muster 122 when they batted.

When Police batted, Brian Statia hit a top score of 51 which included six fours and one six. He was well supported by Rohan Ash who made 33 while Ralph Doughty also contributed 17. Among the bowlers, Carlton Saunders claimed two wickets for 23 runs and Michael Baptiste two for 27.

In the Back Salina innings, captain Oliver Williams made 29 and teenager Kevin Alert 22. Saunders also chipped in with 17. Peter Quelch did the most damage for Police, claiming four wickets for 15 runs off four overs. Ennis Grant also claimed two for four.

The win carried Police to 56 points. Back Salina, who trailed Police by four points with two matches remaining, ended on 36 while Palm Grove ended their campaign with 20 points.

Although the series was over, the GTCA scheduled a two-day game the weekend after at the same venue. The competing teams were North and South Grand Turk.

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