



ICC Americas Region News Flash

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First Americas Women's Championship confirmed

Three Americas teams- Argentina, Bermuda and Canada, together with a National Youth XI from Trinidad & Tobago, will compete in the inaugural Women's Tournament of the Americas.

RDM Martin Vieira confirmed that all four teams will participate. He stated "This is exciting news for the region, we know women's cricket is the fastest growing female sport in the world. I am delighted that the Americas Region will be part of this growth and look forward to doubling the number of teams for the next tournament."

Ann Browne-John, former T&T and WI player and the Americas Region Women's Coordinator, will conduct a special training camp for Team Bermuda, the regional representative to the Women's WCQT.

Team Argentina and Team Canada will also be given sessions at the camp. Four of the Trinidad & Tobago National players will accompany Anne to put the ladies through the sessions prior to the start of the tournament.. The tournament starts August 20 through August 24 at the Maple Leaf C.C. in Toronto. The final match will pit the Trinidad & Tobago National Youth Team against an all star select team (AMERICAS) chosen from Argentina, Bermuda and Canada.

The top players of the tournament will also be offered a session at a cricket academy to further their skills.

Player of the Match Awards will be sponsored by
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ICC U/19 WORLD CUP SERIES
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The Americas Region U19 World Cup Qualifier will be held August 13-18, in Toronto, Canada.

For the first time an affiliate member will be fielding a full side. Bahamas joins Associates -Argentina, Bermuda, Cayman Islands and host Canada. The winner will advance to the U19 World Cup scheduled for Malaysia in February 2008.

In addition to securing a place in the World Cup by winning the Americas Championship, individual players will have a great deal to play for in this tournament.

Last week the Regional Development Manager announced plans were being made to send some of the top players of this tournament to a cricket academy to further develop their skills .

Defending champions Team USA will be missing, which leaves the competition wide open, but it is expected that long time rivals Bermuda and Canada will be established as co -favourites.

UMPIRE'S SEMINAR



A regional umpire's training session will be held in Costa Rica from July 12-15. Umpires from several of the Affiliate member countries will attend. The session will be conducted by the Americas RDO, Grant Dugmore.



ARGENTINA

Argentina Qualify for WCL Div. 2

The Argentine National cricket team has recently returned from a very successful tournament in Australia where they surprised many by reaching the final of the event.

Argentina was a late entry into the tournament after the ICC suspended USA.

The team played two warm up matches against Cayman Islands and Tanzania respectively. Argentina lost by 90 runs to the Cayman Islands but produced a solid fielding and bowling display. They showed a good team effort against Tanzania to win by 26 runs. It was clear from the two warm up matches that Argentina had prepared well and that their bowlers were going to be a force to be reckoned with.

Argentina started the tournament off against Italy. The Italians were restricted to 179/9 in their 50 overs. Argentina got off to a poor start losing some early wickets before Gary Savage (23) and Donny Forrester (66) steadied the innings. However, some good bowling from the Italians restricted the Argentines as the match headed towards a close finish. Needing 5 runs to win off the final over, Argentina managed to lose 2 wickets and with two runs required off the final ball, Martin Siri was run out, handing the Italians a dramatic one run victory.

The Argentina team showed their true character as they recovered from the loss to Italy and started preparation to face their toughest challenge of the week, Papua New Guinea (Seeded number 1). Once again the bowlers and fielders produced a perfect display as the favorites were bowled out for 91 runs. Billy MacDermott led from the front with excellent figures of 10-3-22-4. Donny Forrester produced a match winning innings of 44 not out as Argentina reached their target for the loss of 5 wickets. It was a historic victory for the Argentine team and full

credit must go to all the players for their motivation shown and the way they managed to pick themselves up for such an important match. Billy MacDermott deservedly won the Man of the Match award for his excellent bowling.

Argentina now stood a chance of reaching the second phase of the tournament, needing to beat Fiji in their final game. Argentina got off to the best possible start with Gary Savage bowling the opening batsmen of Fiji with the first ball of the match. Nino and Savage bowled in partnership for 14 overs as Fiji were left reeling at 9/7. Fiji never recovered and were all out for 44. Argentina was close to breaking the world record for bowling a team out for the lowest score in a one day international (current record held by Zimbabwe 35 runs). The Fiji score is the fourth lowest score ever. Steven Nino (8-2-16-4), Gary Savage (7-4-5-3) and Diego Lord (2-0-16-3) caused the damage for Argentina. The Argentine openers Lucas Paterlini (25 not out) and Grant Dugmore (17 not out) blasted the victory total in 4 overs to hand Argentina a memorable victory. Steven Nino received the Man of the Match award for his fine bowling performance.

The result meant that Argentina finished top of Group A with Papua New Guinea finishing in second place. Argentina would face regional rival Cayman Islands in the semi final. Argentina has achieved their team goal of maintaining their status in the World Cricket League Division 3 and could now look ahead at qualifying for the final and promotion to the Division 2 tournament.

Argentina had played the Cayman Islands on four previous occasions and had never beaten their fellow regional rivals. Once again MacDermott called correct and elected to field again. Argentina continue with their dominance in the field as their bowlers stuck to their game plans and their

fielders took some good catches (4) and three excellent run outs as they restricted the Cayman Islands to 102 all out. It was once again the Captain MacDermott who led from the front (10-3-20-4).

Argentina made a positive start but soon the Caymans fought back. It was never going to be easy but A. Ferguson (25 not out) sealed victory for Argentina by 4 wickets to put them into the final of the ICC WCL Division 3 tournament.

Final

Once again the bowlers stuck to their plan and Argentina found themselves in a great position with Uganda reeling at 79/7. However it was not to be Argentina's day as three crucial catches were dropped. The Ugandans fought hard and some powerful batting from their tail-enders allowed them to reach 241/8 in their allotted 50 overs.

Argentina struggled in reply as they lost wickets early on. It was left to Donny Forrester (38) and Alexander Ferguson (41) as they fought hard to reach the formidable target. In the end it proved too much for Argentina as they were bowled out for 150, handing the Ugandans the ICC WCL Division 3 title.

Billy MacDermott was deservedly given the Player of the Tournament award for his fine bowling performance (most wickets -12) and his excellent captaincy of the team. Gary Savage (Tournament Best Bowling average 41-11-86-10) and Diego Lord (32-2-157-8) were the best Argentina bowlers with Donny Forrester (2nd in the batting averages - 74) and Alexander Ferguson (13th - average 32).

With the results in Australia, Argentina is now seeded 22 in the world. The Argentina team will now spend the next five months preparing themselves for what will be a tough challenge as they take part in the ICC WCL Division 2 tournament which will be held in Windhoek, Namibia

from November 23 to December 2. They will face Namibia, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Nepal and Denmark as they strive to qualify for the ICC World Cup Qualifier which will be held in 2009.

Team Argentina



Estaban "Billy" MacDermott



Player of the tournament

For more information and scores of all the matches please check the ACA website www.cricketaargentina.com

BAHAMAS

The Bahamas U15s are going on a tour to the Cayman Islands from July 3rd to 7th. It will be a young team of an average age of 13 but all are looking forward to what will be the players first taste of competitive cricket against another country.

The Junior U16 league is reaching its climax with 1 round of matches to go and 3 teams still in the hunt for the title.

BERMUDA

Youth League All Star Games

The BCB is pleased to announce that the youth leagues will play their All Star games June 30th. The youth leagues consist of the Hiscox U10s, Bermuda Security Group U13s and the BF&M U16s who have been competing in the leagues since the first week of May and will culminate

the leagues with the All Star games that weekend.

This has been a successful season with 16 teams taking part in the Hiscox U10s, 10 teams in the BSG U13s and 8 teams in the BF&M U16s.

Appointment of Director of Cricket Development

The BCB is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Arnold Manders to the position of Director of Cricket Development. As the current Head of Health and Physical Education at Berkeley Institute, Mr. Manders has a long established career in Bermuda's education system where he has been a teacher and head of department since the early 1980s. Having represented Bermuda for over 23 years as a player and captain as well as having held coaching positions and run cricket camps, Mr. Manders will bring invaluable experience with him not just from the cricketing world but also from his years in the education system.

As Director of Cricket Development, Mr. Manders will be expected to implement the following:

1. To develop and implement a 4 year rolling National Development Plan.
2. To increase the number of young people playing cricket in schools and clubs.
3. To raise the overall playing standards of performance throughout the Island.
4. To ensure that the training philosophy of the National Coach is followed through the youth National level.

Belco Cup Awards

The Bermuda Electric Light Company Limited (BELCO) presented cheques to the teams that participated in the fifth Annual BELCO Cup as well as to the Man of the Match and to the bowler who took 5 wickets.

- Winners – Southampton Rangers - \$1,500
- Finalists – Young Men's Social Club - \$1,000
- Semi-finalists – St.Davids and Flatts - \$500 each
- Man of the Match – Janeiro Tucker - \$300.

This year, in honour of BELCO Cup's fifth anniversary, BELCO also recognized the five wickets taken by Dwayne (Sluggo) Leverock, during Sunday's game. Sluggo received a \$250 electricity credit; a \$500 donation will be made to Big Brothers & Big Sisters on behalf of Southampton Rangers.

BELCO also presented \$3,000 to the Bermuda Cricket Board in support of their ongoing activities, and \$500 to Somerset Cricket Club for hosting one of the semi-final games.

In addition, Bermuda Cricket Board reported that \$250 in admission fees collected at the gates in St.David's on Sunday will be donated to STAR, a registered charity that provides support to AIDS patients and their families. Again, recognizing the fifth anniversary of BELCO Cup, the company will match \$500 to STAR.



BRAZIL

A series of international matches between the Brazilian and Argentine women's teams is now scheduled for Curitiba, Brazil from September 6-9. Organizers in both countries have been working hard to raise the funds for the trip, as not only is the Argentina squad coming from Buenos Aires, but the Brazil team is traveling a similar distance from Brasilia. Women's cricket has a longer history in Argentina, and the team does have international experience. In Brazil the women's cricket program is in its early stages, although Coach Rudy Hartmann has been running practices twice a week for the past several months and is confident of the team's ability to compete. Regardless of the outcome, these matches will be invaluable for both sides and for the growth of cricket in South America.

Rudy was also busy opening the bowling for the Australian Ambassador's XI in the annual Ambassador's Match in Brasilia.

The British Ambassador's XI batted first and the Brits finished at 154-6 off their 35 overs. The Australian innings was opened by New Zealand Embassy First Secretary Haike Manning and five over later at 59-3, things looked dicey.

In the first over after drinks Chris Thomson whacked a towering six, showing that you never count the Aussies out. Rudy Hartmann hit a quick 21 in a critical spell for the Australians, which brought them up with the run rate. Thompson was eventually out stumped for an invaluable 40, earning him the Man of the Match award. Australian Ambassador Peter Heyward (18*) then strode to the crease and promptly pulled off the shot of the match by smashing a first ball steeper to the midwicket boundary. The result soon became inevitable as Heyward continued knocking off the runs and within minutes the match was over with four overs and plenty of wickets to spare.

This match has been a fixture in Brasilia for several years and many thanks to Ambassadors Heyward and Collecott and all the many volunteers for keeping it alive and well.

CANADA

Canadian Lady Cricketers enter the World Scene

Since 1785 the sport of cricket has been mainly a male domain across the country, but now times are changing as the lady cricketers of Canada step onto the international scene. Between August 19-26 Canada will play host to the inaugural Americas Women's Cricket Championships in Toronto. Nations taking part include Argentina, Bermuda, Canada and Trinidad & Tobago.

The Canadian Women's Cricket Association formed up in 2004 and then in 2005 became part of the Canadian Cricket Association when the International Cricket Council decided to amalgamate the male and female national associations around the world. In 2005 the Canadian ladies suffered a bitter disappointment when three days before departing for

Jamaica to take part in the West Indies Ladies Championships, hurricanes Dennis and Emily roared across the island causing the tournament to be cancelled.

During the summer of 2006 Canada and Bermuda met at Victoria to decide which country would represent the Americas in the World Cup qualifying matches to be held in Pakistan in 2008 (the next ladies World Cup will be held in Australia in 2009). The series was closely contested and Bermuda won the event 2-1 following a thrilling 3 run victory in the final game.

One of the earliest references to ladies cricket in Canada occurred in 1939 when an English team from Harrogate School toured to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto but there is some evidence to suggest that ladies cricket may have been played in Canada as far back as the early 1900s.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Much has been happening with Cayman Islands cricket. This month our focus is on Youth cricket and especially primary schools. A fantastic day of fun was enjoyed by everyone when the Cable & Wireless Primary Schools League held its annual rally. Five schools dressed in new uniforms featured in this rally. John A. Cumber defeated Savannah in the final. There were smiles all around as many budding cricketers showed off their abilities. The season comes to an end on June 28.

- Cable & Wireless Secondary Schools League had its first outings this year.
- Seven schools participated in U15 competitions. Finals are scheduled for June 27.
- Money Express senior league has 2 rounds of matches remaining. In Divisions 1 & 2 Police and West Bay respectively are the front runners and looking good for the championships.

Cayman cricket congratulates Mrs. Merta Day on her appointment as the Americas Region alternate representative to the ICC Women Committee. This is an important step forward for our administration.

Congrats also to Coach Cuffy for his reappointment for two years as the region's representative on the ICC Development Committee.

Cayman congratulates Argentina for placing second in the ICC WCL Division 3 held in Australia and being promoted to Division 2. Good luck! Keep the region's flag flying high!

CHILE

Chile's Regional Development Officer, Patricio Caamano has been taking advantage of some warm weather on the Chilean beaches. Patricio has been playing beach cricket in Vina del Mar every weekend in June.



Over 20 Chilean men and women have joined in with several showing up every weekend to learn and play. Patricio hopes that some of these new players will be ready to make the move to hardball cricket in time for the 2007-08 season scheduled to start in late September.



While Chile's senior cricketers take a well earned break, the Chilean Cricket Association's Development committee has been busy planning ahead for the coming junior season. Last season saw a record number of schools participating in ACC organized competitions and the Development Committee is hoping to build on this success by launching an inaugural Santiago Schools Cricket League.

The current proposed format sees 6-8 schools entering their U13 First XIs and playing regular, hardball fixtures throughout October and November, with the final expected to take place by November 14th. Although still very much in its infancy, several schools have shown keen interest in the competition and it is expected that the initiative will be a huge step forward for junior development as the National Association looks to promote the important step from softball to hardball cricket amongst the 1,000 or so school children who are already involved in school programs across the country.

Thanks to Patricio Caamano and Joseph Williams for their contributions.

MEXICO

Schools Tournament

The final round of the 2006-07 Schools Tournament was a huge success. Four schools – Lomas Altas, Edron, Victoria and Lancaster took part. At the conclusion, a brand new trophy awaited the winner. The children from all schools showed how much they had learned about the game.

Lomas Altas took the top prize followed by Edron, Victoria and Lancaster.

All in all a great competition and it will be great to see the development of the students over the coming years. It was encouraging to see the attitude and sportsmanship shown between the teams. Much credit should be extended to the staff of the schools and the parents who supported this program.

PANAMA

The Panama Cricket Association recognized the efforts of their late President Mr. Ringo Mayani at a recent awards presentation ceremony. The widow of Mr. Mayani and his immediate family attended the event at which the Ringo Mayani Trophy and other individual awards were presented.

A committee set up by the PCA will introduce a high level tournament for

seniors as well as a U19 and U12 event.

The delegate at the Development Forum presented his report to the committee. Special attention was made of Panama's ranking in the region and efforts to improve their communication. The PCA hopes ICC Americas will support and recognize the efforts of their players.

TURKS & CAICOS

Twenty-20 Competition

TCI – the latest Americas Affiliate to be included in the Stanford's "Gravy Train" is getting lots of practice in the shorter version of the game with a series of matches in the Provo 20/20 competition.

Early in June Caribbean Cavaliers defeated Jamaica All Stars, despite a hat trick by Robert Johnson (4/18). Cavaliers were dismissed for 145 in 19.4 overs with Odayne Ewart getting 89. All Stars in reply found the going tough and were all out after 18.1 overs for 113 runs.

Jamaica All Stars lost their second match to Police by a mere 4 runs. Police made 149/6 (20 overs), Jamaica All Start 145/7 (20 overs).

In a special Selection match, Guyana Selects 219/9 (30 overs) defeated Jamaican Selects 126.

Grand Turk defeated Providenciales by 31 runs in a special Coca-Cola sponsored 20/20 game. Grand Turk amassed 183/6 (20 overs), Provo in reply were 152/9 (20 overs). Rohan Ash (72) and Donovan Matthews (62) were top batsmen for GT. The game was attended by former W.I. test player and current Stanford 20/20 legend Lance Gibbs. The Minister of Sport, Honorable Dr. Carlton Mills was also in attendance.

Special Meeting

A meeting was held with representatives of the cricket associations – Grand Turk, Providenciales and South Caicos – and the Minister of Sport, Dr. Carlton Mills. Issues relating to the way forward for cricket in the TCI were discussed.

U.S.A.

The 2nd National Junior Cricket Tournament held recently was a grand success. It was even a bigger and better event with over 10,000 people watching the webcast from all over the world.

Fifteen teams participated from all over the country including one from Toronto, Canada. CCA (California) won all 3 age categories - U11, U13 and U15 yet again but there were some close games.

NEW TERRITORIES

EL SALVADOR

El Salvador cricket is progressing well. The Association just completed their first ever Cricket Exhibition tournament involving three teams – The Chiefs, the Knights and Dell.

The Knights defeated both of their opponents to win the tournament while the Chiefs defeated Dell to claim the runner up spot.

Batsman of the tournament was P. Mostyn from Dell, while bowling honours went to P. Hinks from Knights.

Sponsorship was provided by The Academia Britanica Cuscatelca (facilities), Wegerich Natural Medicines (scoreboard) and Gatorade (refreshments).

Our thanks to the following for their contributions:

Gary Savage (Argentina); John Welch (Bahamas); Erica Fulton (Bermuda); Norman Baldwin (Brazil); Kevin Boller (Canada); Theo Cuffy (Cayman Islands); Michael Meade (Chile); Keith Foster (Mexico); Irfan Tarajia (Panama); Michael Pereira (Turks & Caicos); Hemant Buch (USA); Andrew Murgatroyd (El Salvador).

Reminder

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