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West Indies "A" team will tour Canada from July 31 to August 9, to play a series of matches. The provisional schedule is:

- *August 2 - One Day Limited Overs - Ajax*
- *August 4 - One Day Limited Overs - Ross Lord*
- *August 6-8 3-day game - Toronto Cricket Club*

This tour forms part of Canada's World Cup preparation.

WICB has invited two (2) teams to participate in its Under 19 competition, which starts July 11 – August 11. A combined Americas U-19 team and a Canadian team will participate in the tournament. Canada were represented at the Youth World Cup in New Zealand in January 2002.

- USACA is busy planning two (2) exhibition games involving test players from full members countries to be played in Los Angeles June 6 & 7, 2002.

The games proceed will be used explicitly for junior development, which is taking off in several cities across the USA. Youth programs are starting in Atlanta and Orlando to name but a few cities are receiving strong support from their local communities. Increasingly, mainstream media such as the Sun Sentinel newspaper are giving more coverage to the sport in their dailies.

- The Canadian Cricket Association has appointed Austin Ward as Cricket Administrator effective April 1, 2002. Austin brings a wealth of experience to the position having served the CCA in many capacities over the past several years. He will be based in the Americas regional office and his primary task will be to improve the functioning of the various organs of the CCA, in particular its World Cup preparation.
- Argentina is hoping to undertake a tour to Panama and Belize in the northern summer.

## MEETINGS

### ***CCAM General Meeting:***

The General Meeting and Development Seminar take place in Miami, USA April 26-28. All regional associations are expected to be in attendance as well as some officials from the WICB.

CCAM president Ellis Lewis will represent the region at the Development Committee meeting in Namibia April 9 & 10. The meeting will discuss a wide range of issues impacting on the Global Development Program including the allocation of funding to the regions over the next three years commencing April 1, 2003

The regional calendar of events was released to the media by CCAM president Ellis Lewis during a Press Conference in Barbados on February 18, which was attended by WICB President Wes Hall, CEO Gregory Shillingford and ICC Regional Manager Robert Weekes. The major events are as follows:

- **Global Development Symposium** – Orlando, USA, July 28 - 31, 2002
- **Under 13** - Orlando, USA, July 31 – August 3, 2002
- **Under 15** – Dallas, USA, August 3 - 12, 2002
- **Western Caribbean** – Jamaica, August 22 - 27, 2002
- **South Americas Championship**, Argentina – November 29- December 6

The highlight of which will be the Global Development Symposium in Orlando, June 28 – August 3, of which the International U-13 Tournament is in integral part. The Symposium is the first of kind to be hosted to discuss the practices and critical issues pertaining to cricket development. West Indies Cricket Board President Wes Hall will be in attendance together with a wide range of

cricket personalities and experts on everything involved in the game.

Registration forms are available electronically on the website [www.cricamericas.com](http://www.cricamericas.com) after March 20, 2002 or by other means from Hanley & Pertierra at (910)-215-0607.

- Turks & Caicos Cricket Association will hold their AGM in late March 2002.
- Association of Paraguayan Cricket (APC) will hold extra ordinary meeting on Friday March 15, 2002.

## COMPETITIONS

***Americas 2002 Cricket Championships***, starts in early March in Argentina in what is expected to be a very keenly contested championship. The USA is fresh from a successful pre-tournament camp in Antigua and is looking to dethrone reigning champion Canada who are preparing for the Emerging Nations Championship in Namibia in April 2002.

Argentina will be counting on the home advantage to boost their showing and have included Lucas Platalini, a fresh graduate from the UPE Academy in the squad as have Bermuda who has included Chris Foggo, who also attended the UPE Academy. The Bermuda team has undergone a number of last minute changes and should still be competitive. The regional affiliate qualifiers, Cayman Islands and the Bahamas both have a lot to play for, and good cricket is granted.

The final team squads and match schedule is as below, match results will be posted daily on the website [www.cricamericas.com](http://www.cricamericas.com)

- March 9: Bermuda vs Argentina  
Bahamas vs Canada  
Cayman Islands vs USA
- March 10: Argentina vs USA  
Cayman Islands vs Bahamas  
Canada vs Bermuda
- March 12: Argentina vs Canada  
USA vs Bahamas  
Cayman Islands vs Bermuda
- March 13: Argentina vs Cayman Islands  
Bermuda vs Bahamas  
Canada vs USA
- March 15: Bahamas vs Argentina  
Bermuda vs USA  
Cayman Islands vs Canada
- March 16: Final

### **COACHING**

- The WICB will host a number of coaching courses during April in each of its territorial boards and will launch its new coaching manual shortly. A special schedule has been established to certify coaches from the region using this new coaching curriculum interested persons are asked to register with their national association or contact the regional office.
- Colorado Junior Cricket Association is hosting a Spring Break Cricket Coaching camp on March 25 – 29, 2002. This camp will include two, half-day junior cricket clinics for 3 days. For additional details contact; [ColoradoJuniorCricket@yahoo.com](mailto:ColoradoJuniorCricket@yahoo.com)

The new turf pitch at Corimayo in Argentina was inaugurated on Saturday March 2, prior to the start of the annual match Argentina vs. Foreigners. The Pitch has been named in honour of Maurice Runnacles, who has played an integral part in the development of junior cricket in Argentina over the last 35 years. Maurice has been a school's administrator at St. Albans College for several years and a dedicated supporter and worker of Argentine Cricket.

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