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TEAM USA



USA Wins ICC Six Nations Cricket Challenge in UAE

United States of America in an amazing conclusion to the ICC Six Nations Challenge in UAE claimed the final position in the ICC Champions Trophy Tournament when they defeated Scotland in the final match in Dubai on Saturday, March 6, 2004. By virtue of the win USA will participate in the ICC Champions Trophy in England in September 2004 and the tournament includes Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and West Indies. USA will play in Pool 1 with Australia and New Zealand.

In a cruel twist of fate, the eventual 2nd team Scotland played USA on the final day, and despite USA passing Scotland's total of 206 on the second ball of the 48th over, if USA had reached this target five balls later (i.e. on the first ball of the 49th over), the subsequent change in net run rate would have seen Scotland victorious in the tournament.

A further consideration in USA's eventual triumph was the match between Holland and UAE. A win to Holland in this game would have guaranteed them victory in the tournament and a position in the ICC Champions Trophy. After batting first and scoring 289, Holland appeared to be well on the way to achieving this, however a courageous performance by the local side saw them pass Holland's total after 49.1 overs.

"I am absolutely delighted to send this message of congratulations to all of you involved with cricket in the USA. This is indeed a great day, not only for Team USA but the entire Americas Region", said Martin Vieira, ICC Americas Regional Development Manager.

Mr. Richard Staple, Captain of the victorious USA team said: *"I am delighted with the results and compliment the players who worked hard as a team and officials who worked towards this goal on behalf of cricket in USA"*.

Mr. Gladstone Dainty, President of USA Cricket Association said: *"The win by USA is a great achievement for cricket in the USA and all concerned (clubs, leagues, etc.) since the team finished ahead of Canada, Holland and Namibia, Associate countries that participated in the last ICC cricket World Cup in 2003"*.

Final Tournament Table

Team	Matches	Points	Net Run Rate
USA	5	6	0.550542
Scotland	5	6	0.522868
Namibia	5	6	0.150277
Holland	5	6	0.126943
UAE	5	6	-0.056105
Canada	5	0	-1.211566

ICC to oversee CEO appointment in USA

As part of its continued commitment to developing cricket around the world, the International Cricket Council recently announced that it will be working with the United States Cricket Association, a volunteer organisation, to appoint a national Chief Executive Officer for cricket in the USA. The CEO's primary initial task will be to try to secure the support of ICC Full Member nations to participate in a one-day International cricket tournament in the USA and to arrange the staging of any such event there.

This is the first step of a special project targeted at increasing the profile of the sport and

participation levels in the USA. Any income from international events staged in the USA will pave the way for investment in appropriate professional staffing, coach education, schools programmes, facility developments and competition structures.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed explained that the plans were focused on developing cricket as a successful niche sport in a substantial market. *“There is no suggestion that cricket is trying to take on the major American team sports in their own back yard”*, said Mr. Speed. *“There are already over 500 active cricket clubs in the USA and the aim of this project is to build on this solid foundation to help increase the reach of the sport”*.

The project was given the support of ICC’s Executive Board in October 2003 and a search for a suitable candidate will begin shortly. The CEO will report to a sub-committee comprising representatives from the ICC, West Indies Cricket Board and USACA, and the position will initially be underwritten by the ICC.

The decision to undertake this project was made before the USA won the recent ICC Six Nations Challenge for the top Associate Member countries in the United Arab Emirates. The USA’s victory earned them qualification for the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 in England in September.



Argentina

The month of March has been a very busy one for the Argentina Cricket Association, both on a junior and senior level.

Jim White North vs South (under 19)

For the first time ever, a three day match was held at an under 19 level. The Jim White North vs South under 19 was played at Belgrano Athletic Club and although the North ran out comfortable winners by an innings and 21 runs, a lot was learnt by both teams. No doubt the experience will prove to be valuable to these players who learnt to adjust their game to the longer format, teaching them to occupy the crease and build an innings. The North bowling attack proved too

strong for their southern opponents with Estanislou Falcon returning impressive figures of 31.2 -10-76-10 in the match, which earned him the man of the match award. The batting award went to Julian Villarino for his fine innings of 67 in the North’s 1st innings.

Argentine National Coach

Mike Hesson arrived at the start of March with his wife Kate to take up his position as National Coach. Mike has been contracted for the next five months to prepare the National team for the Americas Championship due to be held in Bermuda (July 2004). Mike is from Otago (New Zealand) where he is the Director of coaching for the Otago state.

Carcamanes Festival

The Carcamanes Cricket Festival was held in Buenos Aires from February 29th to March 4th. This is the first time that Argentina has hosted the Golden Oldies festival which will now become an annual event. Eight teams participated in the Festival with Argentina represented by “The Guanacos on the Rio” and the “Silver Barbarians”. Other teams that participated included: CBC Golden Oldies (Australia), Gentlemen of Philadelphia and Hollywood Golden Oldies (both USA), Tawa Turtles (New Zealand), The Troubadours (England) and the Namibian Knight-watchmen (Namibia). The Festival was a tremendous success and special thanks to Christian Tunon (Event Manager) for all his hard work. The week was completed with a special dinner and Tango show.

Preparation is underway for next year’s Festival, which is due to be held in March 2005 (dates to be confirmed). For further information, please contact Christian Tunon on carcamanesecricket@yahoo.com

Sad News

It is with great regret that we inform you of the passing of Ian MacGowan (Honorary President of the Argentine Cricket Association) on Saturday, February 21st. Ian will be sadly missed by all in the Argentine cricket community.

105th North vs South

The 105th North vs South (3 day game) was hosted for the first time ever by the Asociacion de Ex Alumnos de San Albano. The match was played on the Maurice Runnacles Oval on the newly laid turf wicket.

The South batted first and scored 278/9 declared, thanks mainly to Matias Paterlini who scored a patient century (102) and Bernardo Irigoyen 77. The North bowlers struggled on the batsmen

friendly pitch with Gary Savage 2 for 46 and Paul Ferguson 2 for 28, the best of the bowlers.

The North replied with 264 all out, thanks to good contributions from Donny Forrester 88 and Gary Savage 82 (4th wicket partnership of 101). Hernan Pereyra with figures of 4 for 65 was the best South bowler.

The South started their second innings slowly and declared their innings closed on 247/7 at 15:30 on day 3, leaving the North to score 262 runs in 43 overs. Charles Gibson top scored for the South with 44 and Donny Forrester 17-5-43-4 was the most impressive North bowler.

The North started their reply slowly, however two quick wickets after the tea interval by Hernan Pereyra threatened to turn the whole game around. Diego Lord produced some fine fast bowling to register figures of 9-2-13-4, thanks to some splendid catches in the slips. It was left up to Malcolm van Steeden and William Palau to face the final 4 overs to force the draw in what was a very exciting finish.

Special thanks to the St. Albans organizing staff for all the hard work that they put into the three days to make this such a memorable game.

Match Awards:

Man of the match: Donny Forrester (88&17) and 38-9-103-6

Fair play award: Hernan Pereyra

Special Performance: Diego Lord

General News

The Final of the 1st Division will be played on Saturday, April 3rd at the Hurlingham Club. This year's Final is between Hurlingham and Lomas Athletic Club.

Canada

Canada finds the going tough at the U19 World Cup

Canada, led by all-rounder Umar Bhatti, found the going rather difficult at the 2004 U-19 World Cup held in Bangladesh between February 15 and March 5, and failed to notch up a victory in both World Cup and Plate matches.

World Cup

Australia 4/165 (28.4 overs) (T.Doropoulos 57) defeated

Canada 164 (45.1 overs) (S.Anjaria 50) by 6 wickets

Sri Lanka 1/84 (16 overs) (H. Vithana 52x) defeated

Canada 81 (31.2 overs) (K. Kulasekara 5/27) by 9 wickets

Zimbabwe 2/181 (36.2 overs) (J. Cameron 84x) defeated

Canada 9/180 (50 overs) (A. Keshvani 63) by 8 wickets

Plate Matches

Bangladesh 6/139 (34.5 overs) (S. Keshvani 5/29) defeated

Canada 136 (37.2 overs) by 4 wickets

Ireland 9/265 (50 overs) (K. O'Brien 51) defeated
Canada 110 (34.3 overs) by 155 runs

Uganda 5/235 (47.2 overs) (M. Ondeko 99x), H. Almazahim 50) defeated Canada 231 (50 overs) (S. Keshvani 65) by 5 wickets

No Silverware for Canada at ICC Six Nations Challenge

Instead of trotting home with the silverware from the ICC Six Nations Challenge, held in the United Arab Emirates from February 29 to March 6, Canada came ambling home with the wooden spoon when they failed to record a single victory.

ICC Six Nations Challenge

UAE 5/160 (33.3 overs) (K. Khan 53x) defeated
Canada 9/157 (50 overs) (A. Magai 53) by 5 wickets

Holland 7/236 (50 overs) (F. Kloppenburg 52) defeated

Canada 169 (41.4 overs) by 67 runs

USA 4/127 (34 overs) (M. Johnson 67) defeated
Canada 126 (48.4 overs) by 6 wickets

Scotland 214 (49.4 overs) (I. Stanger 84) defeated
Canada 178 (45.1 overs) by 36 runs

Namibia 195 (49.4 overs) defeated
Canada 190 (49.2 overs) by 5 runs



Bob Woolmer, ICC High Performance Manager, with local Canadian Coaches. Sixteen coaches spent a weekend with Bob on his recent visit to Toronto.

Chile

Triangular Triumph for Chile

The much-anticipated triangular series between Chile, the Falkland Islands and I Zingari took place over the second week in February and was considered a big hit by all involved.

The opening match between Chile and the Falklands was somewhat of a milestone in cricketing history as it marked the start of the first ever tour by the British dependency. Such was the size of the occasion that the match was given coverage by the BBC along with various other esteemed news agencies, including Chile's own El Mostrador.

The third party to make up the festival, I Zingari, who are widely thought to be the oldest surviving touring side in the world, arrived in blazing fashion to play in the third and final game for the Falklands.

All games throughout the series were well supported, and it was encouraging to see plenty of new faces in the crowd, amongst them the British Ambassador to Chile, Richard Wilkinson.

Chile emerged as eventual winners of the triangular tournament, failing to lose a game all week, though their performances on the social circuit were easily matched, if not beaten, by the visiting sides.

The ACC would like to thank all those individuals who worked so hard to see that the event ran smoothly and successfully, as well as both touring teams for being excellent guests.

'The Getting our Cup back Tour'

Having recovered from their defeat in Brasil, the ACC is now preparing to send a touring team over to Peru to recapture silverware that was lost there two years ago.

The tour, which takes place over the Easter weekend, is in full throws of being organized and ten names have already been confirmed. However, to give Chile the best chance of victory, at least two more players are required.

The team will play two games against Peru and the Miami Masters and should hopefully return with a trophy to go with the recently acquired HSBC Cup.

Costa Rica

The cricket organization had its first game this year, breaking in the El Roble club football pitch in Las Vueltas de la Guacaima in the northern Central Valley, thanks to club part owner Percy Chamberlain and the local development committee. The ground is a shade small but quite usable and only two sixes out of total 220 runs were scored.

Johnnie Lambert's team went 121 for 7 wickets, Redfern 33 retired, Baker 30 ret., Ashworth 21, and D. Tweedale 2 for 19. Chris Prasad's team went 99 for 7, Prasad 29, Baker 3 for 9.

There were 25 overs each side; 19 players in all, including three Costa Ricans new to the game; played on the Flicx artificial pitch; man of the match was Tim Baker. Lambert's team won by 22 runs.

The next game will be Sunday, April 4 in the Caribbean beach town of Puerto Viejo. Andrew Redfern is there now setting it up and presumably recruiting for Michael Cannon's Procarib/Caribe Sur team, looking to reverse last year's result.

A Panamanian team has offered to come and play the Costa Rican team twice on a late April weekend (to be confirmed).

Mexico

Mexico Cricket Association is touring Belize the first weekend in May.

MCA played and beat Houston Memorial in early March – Houston 211-9 dec., MCA 214-7 (G. Wilson 50, J. Bonfiglio 60, V. Mahadevan 50*). This was MCA's first win against Houston since 2001.

Turks & Caicos

Grand Turk beat Provo (for third time)

Grand Turk beat Providenciales for the third consecutive time when the teams met in the annual Commonwealth Day limited-over cricket match at the Parade on the island of Grand Turk.

Following victories on Commonwealth Day and Heroes Day in 2003, the hosts clinched an exciting victory with two wickets to spare. The hero was wicket-keeper/batsman Donovan Matthews who hit an unbeaten 74 as Grand Turk

reached 132 for 8 in 22.1 overs. Providenciales were earlier dismissed for 131 in 22.4 of the quota of 35 overs.

What appeared to be an easy target for Grand Turk turned out to be quite difficult as off-spinner Vincent Francis captured 7 wickets for 20 runs from 7 overs. Francis' exploits reduced Grand Turk to 98 for 8 but Matthews, who hit 11 boundaries, and Liston Grey (1 not out) saw them home with an unbroken ninth wicket stand of 34. For Grand Turk, Errion Charles also contributed 20.

Earlier, Terry Thomas hit 29 for Providenciales after they were invited to bat first. The next best score was 16 by Sabuton John while Lloyd Lynch contributed 14 and Ira Baptiste 12.

Grand Turk skipper Oliver Williams ended with 3 wickets for 46 runs, Peter Quelch had 2 for 8.

The Providenciales team will have their chance for revenge when they return for the Heroes Day match in May.

Americas Affiliates Tournament 2004

Team Bahamas captured the gold medal with a perfect 4-0 record and now prepares for the Associates tournament in July. The tournament which was hosted by the Panama Cricket Association was a big success. The host country after a shaky first game loss settled down and finished a strong second. Belize who kept pace with the Bahamas the first two days dropped a decision to Panama on the third day and Bahamas on the fourth day ended up capturing the bronze.



Team Bahamas taking the field for the last time before capturing gold.

<u>Final Table</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>NRR</u>
Bahamas	4	0	2.368
Panama	3	1	0.898
Belize	2	2	1.159
Turks & Caicos	1	3	-1.998
Suriname	0	4	-2.208

The most runs in the tournament was scored by sixteen year old Conway Young (Belize) who scored a century (118) on the first day of play



New matting and stumps supplied by ICC Americas Development is used for the first time in Panama.



Traditional dances performed by a Panamanian group at the closing banquet.

Individual Awards

Best Batsman:	Conway Young	Belize
Best Bowler:	Kevin Flower	Belize
Best W/K:	Whitcliff Atkinson	Bahamas
Best Fielder:	Irfan Tarajia	Panama
Man of the Tournament:	Soyeb Chohan	Panama