



ICC Americas



News Flash

March 2006



The Americas Championship Division 2 will be played in Buenos Aires from April 3-8th
The winner will advance to the Division 1 championship scheduled for Toronto, Canada
in August.

Schedule

Monday , April 3 .	Argentina	vs	Belize	at Corimayo
	Bahamas	vs	Suriname	at Hurlingham
	Bye: Panama			
Tuesday , April 4.	Argentina	vs	Suriname	at Corimayo
	Panama	vs	Belize	at Hurlingham
	Bye: Bahamas			
Wednesday , April 5.	Bahamas	vs	Panama	at Corimayo
	Belize	vs	Suriname	at Hurlingham
	Bye: Argentina			
Thursday , April 6,	Rest Day			
Friday , April 7.	Argentina	vs	Panama	at Hurlingham
	Bahamas	vs	Belize	at Corimayo
	Bye: Suriname			
Saturday, April 8,	Argentina	vs	Bahamas	at Hurlingham
	Panama	vs	Suriname	at Corimayo
	Bye: Belize			

RAPIDO MAKES SPECIAL FRIENDS

On a cold winter day in Toronto, Canada a presentation of two Rapido Cricket Sets was made to the students of York School. The students had undertaken a reach-out program to visit an orphanage in India. On his return, Justin Medved, one of the coordinators wrote “Back from India and our trip was a smashing success. The cricket equipment was so well received and the smiles on the kids faces are a testament to its impact”.

Special thanks to Jon Harris for making the connection and supplying the photos below, which tell it all.



Smiling faces



Everyone involved



The care and love beyond the cricket pitch

Well done students at York School

CENTRAL AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Belize Claim First Central American Cricket Title

An interesting and entertaining three days of cricket in Belize, with plans already in place to play the 2nd Central American Championship in Mexico in 2007. The success of the event and the positive spin-offs will no doubt provide for cricket development in the Central American region.

Belizean batsman Eldon Wade was named Player of the Tournament, and the final standings were as follows: 1st Belize 2nd Mexico 3rd Costa Rica



Team Belize- local heroes



Reliable transportation to the game



Local crowd in attendance

Game 1 – Belize beat Costa Rica by 281 runs

Summarized Scores:

Belize 341 for 8 (40 overs) - E.Wade 96, W.Flowers 57, D.Gabb 65, H.Gillett 38, C.Young 31, M.Peart 2 for 75, J.Lambert 2 for 74

Costa Rica 60 all out (35.3 overs) - T.Baker 14 no, D.Perera 3 for 9, D.Rhaburn 2 for 8.

Game 2 – Mexico beat Costa Rica by 163 runs

Summarized Scores:

Mexico 230 all out (37.2 overs) - T.Sharma 47, A.Boulton 36, T.Gupta 32, G.Ahuja 29, J.Kay 19, J.Lambert 3 for 41, H.Rogers 2 for 23, D.Crisp 2 for 30.

Costa Rica 67 all out (16.4 overs) - M.Peart 16, E.Acton 3 for 11, T.Sharma 2 for 0, C.Wood 2 for 13, T.Gupta 2 for 20.

Game 3 – Belize beat Mexico by 78 runs

Summarized Scores:

Belize 169 all out (32.1 overs) - P.Perera 35, C.Young 30, H.Gillett 20, E.Wade 18, G.Ahuja 5 for 26.

Mexico 91 all out (27 overs) – N.Houston 22, J.Kay 20, T.Sharma 15, C.Anthony 5 for 13, H.Gillett 3 for 17.



ARGENTINA

The 2005/06 season is coming to an end with the national team well into their preparation for the ICC Americas WCL Division 2 tournament.

North vs South – 3 day game

The 107th North vs South three day game was declared a No Result with no play possible on the first two days. Due to some heavy rain prior to the scheduled start on Friday, both umpires suspended play on Friday and Saturday without a ball being bowled. The decision was taken on Saturday evening to declare the game a No Result and to play a one day game of 50 overs per side.

North 115 all out – J. Villarino (32) P. Ryan 3/32, Diego Lord (2 for 27), Hernan Pereyra (2 for 20), Lucas Paterlini (2 for 19).

The South made a solid reply with Charles Gibson and David Mauro pushing the score on at a comfortable pace. David Mauro reached his half century and along with Charles Gibson guided the South to a comfortable 10 wicket victory. Charles Gibson finished on 33 not out and David Mauro was named Man of the Match for his unbeaten 58 runs.

Belgrano Cavaliers Claim Second Trophy

The Belgrano Cavaliers claimed their second trophy of the season by winning the Robin Stuart shield with a convincing 8 wicket victory over

St.Albans Sharks in the final round. The Hurlingham Hawks finished in second place. Belgrano Cavaliers won the inaugural 20/20 competition in December.

First Division Championship

The First Division Championship is turning into a close race for the title between the Belgrano Cavaliers and the Lomas Eagles who are tied on points, with Belgrano Cavaliers due to play St.Albans Sharks in April. A good result in the last game of the season will give Belgrano their third title of the season.

Second Division Championship

St.Albans and Lomas A.C. are currently top of the table with 16 points each with St.Albans due to play Hurlingham in the final match of the season on April 9th. St. Albans will be hoping for a good result against their North rivals to claim the Second Division title for the second consecutive season.

Junior Tour to Chile

The Argentina U13 and U15 squads will travel to Chile at the end of April to contest the Andes Cup and South American Championships respectively with their neighbours. The squads are well into preparation for their tour, with Marc Roberts (Coach – U15 team) and Billy MacDermott (Coach – U13 team) satisfied with the progress made by the team.

There are plans for a mixed U13 tour to Curitiba, Brasil in June 2006.

Argentina National Squad

The Argentine National squad has been confirmed for the ICC Americas WCL Division 2 tournament which is to take place in Buenos Aires from April 2-9. The team is as follows:

Billy MacDermott (Captain), Gaston Arizaga, Gary Savage, Charles Gibson, Martin Siri, Andy Perez Rivero, Hernan Williams, Donald Forrester, Seeven Nino, Diego Lord, Hernan Pereyra, Alejandro Ferguson, Bernardo Irigoyen, Paul Ryan, Derek Culley (Manager), Hamish Barton (Coach).

BERMUDA

Bermuda Wins ICC Regional Award For Best Overall Development Program

Bermuda's successful 2005 season was recognized by the ICC Americas panel of judges as having the best overall development program. The program, which was developed as part of a four year plan, covers development from school age children right to the national senior team preparing for the World Cup.

This program now becomes eligible for the Global Award to be announced in early April.

Trinidad Training Squad

The BCB has announced the squad for the training camp in Trinidad from April 9th to 20th. The following players have been selected:

Irving Romaine, Dean Minors, Dwayne Leverock, Kevin Hurdle, Lionel Cann, Hasan Durham, Kwame Tucker, Jekon Edness, Azeem Pitcher, Mackie Crane, Treadwell Gibbons Jr., Stefan Kelly, Daniel Morgan, Rodney Trott, Clay Smith (Asst. to National Coach), Elvin James (Manager), Gus Logie (Coach).

National Coach Gus Logie said: "I am looking forward to the camp and working hard with the squad on a number of technical, mental and tactical issues. Obviously this is not the strongest available squad that Bermuda can field and the original main focus for the camp that was to prepare for the upcoming 20/20 World Cricket Classic has been tweaked to accommodate the most effective use of the training time available for these squad members. It does provide a great opportunity to continue to develop our players, provide experience for our younger squad members and follow the National Training Plan

that we have implemented to get our team in the best state of readiness for the World Cup and beyond".

'There has to be a change of mindset'

Lance Gibbs has told Bermuda's premier batsmen that they will never consistently succeed against quality international teams unless they drastically improve their discipline and shot selection at the crease. The former West Indies off-spinner was on the Island recently for a specially arranged training camp with coach Gus Logie's national squad, accompanied by two former West Indian captains in Richie Richardson and Courtney Walsh. Squad members were put through their paces over three action-packed mornings at the National Sports centre in the hands of the illustrious visitors.

Reforms at BCB

Major changes to the Bermuda Cricket Board's constitution were approved in March with President Reggie Pearman hoping they will ultimately make cricket's governing body a model for non-profit organizations on the Island. The reforms, which were put together by BCB secretary Marc Wetherhill and an external consultant, were voted on at a meeting of all 16 cricket clubs.

The BCB's Executive Committee has been increased from six members to ten. The Board received advice on the changes from the International Cricket Council's in-house counsel, while they also looked at the way the English Cricket Board and Cricket Australia have reorganized themselves in recent years to get a flavour of how and why such reforms were implemented.

Commenting on the new constitution, Pearman argued that it had been incumbent on the BCB, particularly since being handed \$11 million by the government, to ensure they ran themselves in the most efficient and professional manner possible.

ICC Pitch Expert returns in bid to help local groundsmen

Top International Cricket Council (ICC) pitch expert Andy Atkinson was in Bermuda recently to conduct workshops for all local groundsmen and to consult with the National Sports Centre Board of Trustees over the facility's controversial batting strip on the northern field. An invitation was extended to all local cricket

coaches to attend the workshops, held at the NSC's north field pavilion.

The 50 year-old Englishman, responsible for overseeing pitch preparations for the 2007 World Cup Finals in the West Indies, has produced some of the finest pitches in Kenya, Australia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and at Lords, the most revered ground of all. A former cricketer himself with East London non-league club, Ranking CC, Atkinson joined the ICC in 1999 on a part-time basis before being elevated as a full-time pitch consultant two years ago.

CHILE

Chile settle for Third in Surinam

A disappointed Chile side returned to Santiago towards the end of February after an almost unbelievable debut in the ICC Americas World Cricket League qualifying series. On paper the third place finish for the South American rookies seemed entirely to be expected, but Batsman of the tournament Simon Shalders would beg to differ. Having lost out narrowly to eventual champions Surinam in the opening game, the vice captain posted a breathtaking 180 not out in a total of 289-9, batting out all 50 of the allotted overs against pre-tournament favourites Turks & Caicos.

Chilean Cricketers Claim top ICC Award

The first ever All-Chilean cricket team to tour Argentina were the winners of the prestigious 'Spirit of Cricket Award' in the 2005 ICC Americas Annual Development Awards, which were announced at the end of last month.

Coach Menon Bids Farewell to Chile

Singaporean Arjun Menon has left Chile following his five month stint as High Performance Coach and coach of the national team for the ICC Americas Division 3 tournament. During his time in Chile, Menon impressed both players and coaches alike with his in-depth knowledge of biomechanics and innovative coaching style, and will be greatly missed by all members of the ACC.

Schools on Board for Autumn Cricket

Program

Eight schools in Santiago and Vina del Mar will start their cricket programmes in March and April following the lengthy summer break. The programme will involve some 350 children and

will be coordinated by the National and Regional Development Officers.

Cricket in Iquique

Cricketers in Iquique took another step towards forming a regional association as the city's second club was formally constituted in a meeting with representatives from the Chilean ministry for sports, Chile Deportes.

U13 and U15 Training Squads announced

Following a busy school season from September to December, the U13 and U15 national team coaches were left with a healthy selection dilemma ahead of the annual Andes Cup encounter with Argentina. Two provisional trainings squads were finally announced at the beginning of March, and included players from nine different schools.

Ambitious Municipal Project planned for Vina del Mar

The municipality of Vina del Mar is close to confirming the participation of eight of its schools in a pilot cricket programme, scheduled to begin in early April. Regional Development Officer Patricio Caamano has been working tirelessly over the last four months to finalize the details of the Fifth Region's first municipal cricket initiative and is confident that the program will be underway within the coming weeks.

COSTA RICA

The Costa Rica Cricket Association represented Costa Rica in the first ever Central American Cricket Championship contested by Mexico, Belize and Costa Rica in Belize. The squad of fifteen players and officials traveled by Taca Airlines, and the matches were played March 18th to 20th at the Lords Bank Ground in Belize City.

Costa Rica's participation was sponsored by Café Britt, Hotel Club del Mar, ICC Americas, and Motores Britanicos, as well as Grupo Taca and two members of the Association, to all of whom Team Costa Rica is most grateful. Thanks also to the British Ambassador for her support. The players themselves also contributed to the costs.



TEAM COSTA RICA

MEXICO

A good performance at the first Central American Championship. The Mexico Cricket Association has offered to host the next Central American Championship



TEAM MEXICO

TURKS & CAICOS

Jamaican All Stars win opening match of Provo 2006 season

Jamaican All Stars began the Providenciales Cricket Association 2006 season in fine style with an exciting 13-run victory over Caribbean Cavaliers on Sunday, March 26 at the Downtown Ball Park.

After being asked to bat first, the All Stars rattled up 200 for six from their allotted 25 overs with the hard-hitting Douglas Browne slamming five sixes and eight fours in an unbeaten 79. He was

supported by Lloyd Lynch who made 42 and Gregory Ferron who contributed 23. Ferron and Lynch had earlier staged a recovery by adding 65 for the third wicket after their team slumped to seven for two.

For the Cavaliers, Damien Williams claimed three wickets for 20 runs and Curtis Flavian two for 35.

In the All Stars reply, Nuwan **Bud-hin-ay-ake** hit a boundary-studded 81 but when he departed with his team requiring 22 runs from three overs, it was all over.

Jahmal Misick also contributed 29 for Cavaliers who eventually ended on 187 for seven when their overs ran out.

For the All Stars, Patrick Hammond claimed two wickets for 39 runs and Vincent Francis two for 32.

The competition continues on Sunday with Police taking on the Jamaican All Stars at the same venue.

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