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- The Sri Lanka “A” team has been invited to tour Canada during August 2002 to play in a series of matches across the country. The primary purpose of the tour is to assist in preparing the national team for the 2003 World Cup.
- The West Indies “A” team tour to Canada has been finalized, and with Canadian coach Jeff Thomas fully settled in Toronto, the summer program for the Canadian National Squad looks very exciting.
- Jamaica has been selected on the host venue for the WICB Under 19 competition, which runs from July 30 to August 25 and will see Canada as well as a Combined Rest of the Americas teams participating against the six territorial sides from the West Indies (Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana, Leeward Islands and Windward Islands). The competition will serve as good preparation for the regional Associate and Affiliate teams for their youth World Cup Qualifying Tournament to be held in Toronto, Canada in August 2003.
- The ICC World Cup Qualifying Series (formally referred to as the World League) will commence in 2003, and of significance to the Americas region is that the USA has been recommended to host Division B that consists of host USA, Bermuda, Denmark, Uganda, Ireland, and Nepal. Canada will be in Division A and Argentina in Division C, with both countries adequately capable of hosting their respective groups on turf pitches. Each division consists of 6 teams apart from Division D, which has 8 teams. No teams from the Americas are in Division D.
- Belize National Cricket Association and the Cayman Islands Cricket Association will receive tours from the M.C.C. in 2003. This is part of ICC/MCC initiative to drive cricket development in emerging countries. Each association will shortly commence preparations to ensure that these visits are not only memorable

but also successful and leave a lasting legacy.

- More bi-lateral tours were organized and co-coordinated during the CCAM meeting in Miami and Cuba has been the recipient of a gift of equipment from a Canadian company - “Dixie Sports” of Toronto.
- The city of Lauderhill in Florida is contemplating the erection of a multi million-dollar ultra-modern cricket stadium. This bodes extremely well for both South Florida and 2007 World Cup.
- Pepsi, LG Electronics, South Africa Airways, Standard Bank, Toyota, South Africa Breweries and MTN have been confirmed as the 8 sponsors for the 2003 World Cup in South Africa. Participating teams are encouraged to have sponsors provided their sponsors do not conflict with the categories of the aforementioned event sponsors.
- At its April meeting the Directors of the Canadian Cricket Association made changes to the Executive of the Association as follows:
 - Jack Kyle of British Columbia replaces Ali Hassanie as 1st Vice President.
 - Charles Pais of Quebec replaces Ramesh Jaghro as 3rd Vice President
 - All other positions remain unchanged

USA Cricket Association

USA-A team to tour Malaysia: USACA shall send a team of young probable to participate in the triangular Malaysia Challenge tournament from the 20th through the 26th of May 2002. Bangladesh-A and hosts Malaysia are the other two countries participating in this tournament apart from USA.

USACA is in the process of building a team for the ICC trophy 2005 and with that in mind most of the members of the National team that won the Americas Cup in Argentina have been left out, except for two players. The team is as follows:

1. Sheetal Pathak (Philadelphia)
2. Rashid Zia(LA)
3. Abishekh Powar(LA)
4. Imran Awan(Washington)
5. Ashar Khan((Houston)
6. Rahul Kukreti(Dallas)
7. Mark Baker(NY)
8. Steve Massiah(NY)
9. Inshan Ali (NY)
10. Srinivas Arimella(Washington)
11. Jignesh Desai(NJ)
12. Faad Hasan(Northern California)
13. Afroze Siddiqui(Chicago)
14. Ankit Parmar(LA)

Standby:

Jason Heimstera (Detroit)

Naunihal Singh(Northern California)

USACA National Tournament

For the first time ever, USACA shall conduct a National Inter-Regional Tournament between the 8 regions in 2002. The first leg of this tournament, The Western Conference Championship between 4 regions in the Western Conference, is to be held on the Memorial Day weekend (May25, 26 & 27) in

Northern California. The Eastern Conference Championship (between the four regions in the East) is to be held on the 4th of July weekend in NY. The top two teams from each conference shall then advance to the Super league and the National Championship Finals on the Labor Day weekend (31Aug, Sept 1 & 2). Already plenty of excitement has been built up about this event and this tournament shall form the basis for the selection of the National Team starting in 2002.

Canadian Cricket Association

British Columbia Cricket Association (BBCA) have invited Aquib Javed (ex Pakistan opening bowler) to coach their Senior and Junior team as well as go to schools and community centres, his arrival is confirmed to be May 13, 2002.

BBCA have scheduled two (2) three day inters quad matches for BC selects and U23 teams, one to be held in Victoria and one in Vancouver.

The Toronto & District Cricket Association has implemented an Under 23 team to participate in its Premium Division. The aim is to bring young talent to the fore for Canadian Cricket.

The Canadian team continues to have a lacklustre performance as it prepares for 2003 World Cup, and coach Jeff Thomas is working hard to turn things around.

Bahamas Cricket Association:

Record set in the Bahamas for 50 over match: On Sunday May 4th, the Police CC vs St. Agnes CC. The Police won the toss and opted to bat. Vianney Jacques was out in the first over and Mike Wing joined

Dwight Weakley in the middle. The two batsmen scored 126 runs each before both of them were out caught. Whitcliff Atkinson then joined Clive Bennet and Atkinson ended up scoring 155 runs not out off St. Agnes. Three centuries were scored by Police who scored 469 runs for the loss of 3 wickets in 43 overs. St. Agnes was bowled out for 130 runs.

Panama Cricket Association

Panama played two international games with Costa Rica on April 20 & 21, 2002

April 20th

Costa Rica 131 runs in 35 overs

Panama 132 runs in 26 overs

April 21st

Panama 173 runs in 38 overs

Costa Rica 117 runs in 32 overs

In the domestic competition; Ahir C.C.-A won group "A" and DADA C.C. won group "B". At the final game, Panama Sports Minister; Mr. Guillermo Vlieg, Indian Ambassador; Mr. Tara Singh and USA Ambassador; Mr. Guy Ossori were in attendance and made presentation to players and teams.

MEETINGS

CCAM General Meeting & Development Seminar:

The Cricket Council of The Americas General Meeting and Development Seminar was held in Miami-Florida, April 26-28, under the Chairmanship of Ellis Lewis.



Delegates from USA at CCAM Annual General Meeting

Delegates from all regional members, apart from Panama, attended the meeting, Mexico who with the only one (1) club would not qualify under the proposed new ICC membership criteria did not attend this year, as they do not intend to seek ICC membership within the foreseeable future.

The CCAM Executives Directors were re-elected unopposed and are as follows:

Dr. Geoff Edwards - Vice President
Mr. Dickie Lord - Vice President
Mr. Reginald Pearman - Member

With WICB CEO Gregory Shillingford been an ex-office member. Both Messrs. Lewis and Shillingford were able to provide meaningful advice and guidance to many of the challenges, which face CCAM members.



Delegates from Cuba & Brazil at CCAM Annual General Meeting

The meeting represented a productive and successful event with series devoted to various topics of general cricket development as well as good governance and planning.

- Following the Development Meeting in Namibia in early April, where CCAM President Ellis Lewis represented the region, a few important matters were agreed, subject to ratification by the Cricket Committee (Management). These matters includes:

The allocation of regional funding, which will be:

1. Europe 34%
2. Africa 26%
3. Americas 26%
4. East Asia Pacific 14%

The allocations will be reviewed on an annual basis rather than a biennial basis.

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