

Development Forum

July 20, Toronto, Canada

The primary purpose of the forum will be to coordinate a strategic approach to the development program in the Americas. The one-day meeting will provide an opportunity for some 14 national association delegates to discuss common problems and set goals for the future.

U19 Americas Tournament

Plans are well on the way to staging the World Cup Qualifying Tournament in Ontario, Canada. The fixture schedule has been released, as follows:

- Mon. July 14 -Argentina vs Canada
 U.S.A. vs Cayman Islands
- Tue. July 15 - Bermuda vs Cayman Islands
 Argentina vs U.S.A.
- Wed. July 16 -U.S.A. vs Bermuda
 Cayman Islands vs Canada
- Thur. July 17 -Rest day
- Fri. July 18 -Argentina vs Bermuda
 U.S.A. vs Canada
- Sat. July 19 - Canada vs Bermuda
 Argentina vs Cayman Islands

The tournament will conclude with a closing dinner and presentation night. All delegates participating in the Development Forum will be invited to attend

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Grant Dugmore, Regional Development Officer for Central and South America, has been busy updating the Americas Region database. If you have not been in contact with Grant, he would like to hear from you at grantdugmore@yahoo.com

Around the Region

Argentina

A Combined Colleges U15 team toured Chile. Their manager Paul Vibart and coach Gaston Arizago reported the tour was a wonderful experience for all, cricket wise and personally. All players gained much from the tour, good experience from the matches, and great hospitality from their hosts. Highlight of the tour for the youngsters was a dinner reception with the senior Chilean team and the Australian (Galah CC) touring team.



Combined Schools from Argentina and Chile's U15 pose at Craighouse.

Bahamas

Greg Taylor, Bahamas Cricket Association, will represent the Americas Region Affiliates at the ICC Annual Conference in London. One affiliate representative from each region will attend the Conference as an observer.

Belize

The Belize National Cricket Association is preparing to receive the MCC “B” side. The MCC squad will arrive on June 12 and play two 1-day games against Belize on June 14th and 15th.

Bermuda

The Bermuda Cricket Board reports that Stephen Outerbridge, former U19 skipper, has been accepted to the prestigious MCC Indoor School at Lord’s Cricket Ground. Stephen will spend seven weeks at the home of cricket, joining a group of 15 other players.

Reggie Pearman, President of the BCB commented, “We see the elite cricketer development as a key adjunct to the Board’s focus on the youth cricket programs in Bermuda. By exposing some of our better young players to these kind of unique opportunities we hope will lead not only to personal improvement as a cricketer, but also filter through into the clubs as the players share their experiences.”

Board President Reggie Pearman added, “We are grateful for the assistance of our friends at the MCC and hope to continue this relationship that will provide a premium opportunity for Bermuda’s up and coming young cricketers...”

Pearman concluded, “We also would like to take this opportunity to thank Stephen’s employers the Marketplace and his club,

Bailey’s Bay Cricket Club, for their help and assistance in bringing this project to fruition.”

Brazil

Reports are that the 2003 season is well on the way. The Brasilia CC erected two floodlit nets on the premises of the Australian Embassy and the Sao Paulo CC inaugurated its new ground in late April by defeating visiting Australians Galah CC. An international triangular involving tourists Argentina and Chile is planned for December in Curitiba. Brazil captain Matt Featherstone will be conducting three-day coaching clinics in Curitiba, Sao Paulo and Brasilia, using ICC provided Kanga gear.

All clubs are actively recruiting Brazilian players. HSBC bank in Curitiba is running an all-Brazilian 8-team interdepartmental cricket league. Given their experience with “betes” (Brazilian street cricket), the participants are already quite skilled and will soon become very good cricketers. To generate additional local interest, in October the Sao Paulo CC will be giving cricket demonstrations at the Hyatt Hotel as part of an Australian Consulate trade fair.

Canada

The Western Canada U25 tournament was held with six competing teams. The team from British Columbia easily won the one-week tournament.

Plans are well on the way to stage the U19 Americas tournament. Five countries – Argentina, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, USA and the host – will compete in this World Cup Qualifying Tournament.



Toronto's Ave Mogan was named as Vice-Captain of the North American Ladies team taking part in the West Indies tournament to be held in Grenada between June 15 – 29.

Bob Woolmer, Manager of the ICC High Performance program, paid a visit to Toronto in May to discuss future plans for the Canada national team.

The Toronto & District league reports an increase in players and teams taking part in their Junior U15 and U19 Saturday and Sunday morning league. Teams in the U15 section have doubled from the 2002 season.

West Indies "A" vs Canada at King City, Ontario pictured below.



More tours of this caliber will be needed to give the Canadian senior team the experience needed to compete at a higher level.

Cayman Islands

The CICA will host the second leg of the MCC "B" team tour. The schedule of games is:

Wed. June 18 - MCC vs Cayman Islands U19

Thur/Fri – June 19/20 - Coaching Clinics for U15 and U19

Sat. June 21 - MCC vs Cayman Islands Masters

Sun. June 22 – MCC vs Cayman Islands National Team.

U.S.A.

Trials for the U19 squad were held in Dallas, Texas in May.

The USACA Annual General Meeting will be held in New Jersey on June 7/8.

North American Ladies XI

The selectors have announced the North American Ladies XI to take part in the Regional Ladies Cricket Championships to be held in Grenada between June 15 and June 29.

The 16 ladies squad will be led by Beverly Browne of the United States, a former Trinidad & Tobago and West Indies player, and the vice-captain will be well known Toronto lady cricketer Ave Mogan.

Nations taking part include Guyana, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Dominica, Jamaica and the host Grenada.

The tournament was first held in 1975 and is now played annually. This will be the first occasion of an invitation being extended to North America to take part in this prestigious event.

The North American squad is as follows:

Beverly Browne, Louise Browne-Woodroffe, Sandrena Michael, Debbie Bennett, Olga Charles, Dawn Saul, Debra Floyd, Marva Rose and Zorina Fredericks (United States), Ave Mogan, Jeanine Barrate, Maryse Barrate and Mona Persaud (Canada). Three additional players will be named at a later date.

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