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John Davison leads Canada to victory in the Americas first Intercontinental Match.



Team Canada Intercontinental Cup

Intercontinental Cup

The first Americas Region Intercontinental Cup ended in victory for Canada by 104 runs.

Final scores were:

Canada 221 (all out in 73.5 overs). J.Davison 84, H.Dhillon 69, D.Chumney 33, N.Javed 5/78 and 145 (all out in 70.5 overs). S.Dhaniram 65*, I.Billcliffe 23, A.Bagai 20
U.S.A. 136 (all out in 40.4 overs). A.Ali 36, L.Romero 33, R.Staples 30, J.Davison 8/61 and 126 (all out in 50.2 overs). M.Johnson 41, S.Massiah 37, J.Davison 9/76.

For his outstanding all round performance, John Davison was selected Man of the Match by former West Indian test player Mr. Lance Gibbs.

It was obviously one of the easiest decisions Lance has ever had to make.

The venue (Brian Piccolo Park), was magnificently prepared by the Broward County and City of Lauderhill officials.



The newly laid turf wicket, while untested, provided a satisfactory batting strip but many batsmen on both sides could not resist the temptation of going for the big hit against the tight bowling of the spinners on both sides – it was a receipt for disaster. As a result, 33 of the total 40 dismissals were out to catches, many in the deep.

With the pitch providing a little bounce for the spinners, John Davison returned the best bowling figures (17 for 137) since Jim Laker's 19 wickets against Australia at Old Trafford.

For their efforts, Canada received 30.5 points while the USA settled for 15.0

The remaining games in this series will be played

July 13 – 15 USA vs Bermuda in Bermuda
Aug. 13 – 15 Bermuda vs Canada in Toronto

The winner will represent the Region at the Semi-Finals and Final to be played November 16-23 in UAE.

Development Forum

This year the Development Forum of the Americas was held in Fort Lauderdale from May 29-30 to coincide with the Intercontinental Match.

In addition to the 13 countries attending, three members of the WICB were in attendance – Mr. Teddy Griffith, President, Mr. Ellis Lewis, Director and President of the Trinidad and Tobago Board, and Dr. Michael Seepersaud, Chief Cricket Development Office.

The conference tackled several issues of importance to the region, reviewed the year completed March 2003/04, and planned for the short term future.

At the conclusion of the Conference on Sunday, delegates were taken to the Brian Piccolo Park which was upgraded to host the Canada vs USA Intercontinental Match.



ARGENTINA

Old Collegians visit to Argentina

The Australian Old Collegians arrived in Argentina on May 14 on the first leg of a seven-week world tour. Two games were played at the Hurlingham Club against an A.C.A. XI in very wintry conditions.

The first match was played on Saturday May 15, with the Old Collegians winning the toss and electing to bat first. The A.O.C. started off well with a solid opening stand of 73 runs; however, the local bowlers came back well and managed to bowl very tightly at the end of the innings, restricting the A.O.C. to 187/5 in their allotted 50 overs. Anthony Brookes (47) top scored for the visitors and was well supported by Mark Elia (35). Hernan Pereyra was the best of the bowlers, returning impressive figures of 8-1-11-0.

The locals started their pursuit in poor fashion, losing some early wickets; however, Captain Donny Forrester batted very well and scored a

fine half century before falling victim to the A.O.C. captain (Greg Hartshorne). Gary Savage and Diego Fuller put on 48 runs for the 9th wicket but the locals fell 24 runs short of the total.

In the second match played on Sunday May 16, the locals won the toss and elected to bat first. They started off in poor fashion, losing wickets on a regular basis and it was left up to Billy McDermott (37) and Diego Fuller (30) to restore some order to the locals' total. They finished on 154 all out in 50 overs. The visitors started the chase in good fashion with some good solid partnerships throughout their innings. Geoff Hodgkinson (37) and Lee Malin top scored for the visitors and secured a six-wicket victory.

Tour to Chile

The Buenos Aires U13 Schools X1 departed on May 20 to Santiago de Chile on a six-day tour. A very excited group of kids arrived at the Grange School where they were hosted for the duration of their stay. A good practice was held in the afternoon after which the boys were placed with their host families.

The first match was played on Saturday May 22 at the Grange School. The Chileans won the toss and elected to bowl first. With a spectacular setting of the Andes covered in snow, the Argentine side batted well and scored 86/5 in their allotted 30 overs. Sebastian Poet (22 not out) was the best batsman with the extras (47) helping the Argentine total. Max Ananias was the best Chilean bowler with figures of 6-2-6-3.

The Chileans batted well and managed some good partnerships, however in the end the Argentine bowlers proved to be too strong with the captain Agustin Husain taking 3 for 7 in 3 overs (nearly taking a hat trick). The Argentine side was also guilty of bowling too many wides and no balls (41). The Chilean side ended up on 80 all out in 23 overs.

In the second match played on Sunday May 23 at Grange School, Husain won the toss and decided to bat first. The Argentines batted very responsibly with some good partnerships forming throughout their innings. The visitors ended up with 132 all out in their allotted 25 overs. Santiago Irigoyen (14) and Mauro Loffredo (44) were the best batsmen for the visitors. Once again the Chileans were guilty of too many extras (54). Tessa 5-0-22-2 and Bucknell 5-0-25-2 were the best of the Chilean bowlers.

The Chileans started off well with a good opening partnership (37) from their captain Eyzaguirre (7) and Max Ananias (17), however they lost wickets at crucial times and ended up 80 all out. Once again the Argentine captain Husain returned impressive figures of 2-0-2-3 and was well supported by Bruno Quercia 2-0-10-3.

In the last match played on Tuesday May 25 at the Old Grangeonians Club, the A.C.A. Schools side won the toss and decided to bat first. After a slow start, Sebastian Poet (32 not out) and Santiago Irigoyen (14) put on a good stand of 52 for the 5th wicket which helped the visitors reach 95/6 in their allotted 25 overs. Once again Max Ananias was the best of the Chilean bowlers, returning impressive figures of 5-2-14-4.

The Argentines then produced their best bowling performance of the tour. Andy Stocks 4-0-9-4 and Player of the Tour Sebastian Poet 4-3-3-3 restricted the Chileans to 15/7. They were eventually bowled out for 46 in 23 overs with Husain 4-1-5-2 and Bruno Quercia 4-1-8-3, adding to the two opening bowlers impressive figures.

This was the end of a successful tour for the Argentine Schools X1 with many positive performances coming from the future Argentine starts. A prize giving dinner was held at a local restaurant on the final night, where the following awards were made:

Max Ananias – voted by Argentina the Best Chilean Player
Mario Vazquez – Best Fielder
Agustin Husain - Best Bowler
Santiago Irigoyen – Best Batsman
Sebastian Poet – voted by Chile Player of the Tournament

The Argentine Cricket Association would like to thank the Chilean Cricket Association and especially Joseph Williams and Tim Messner for all their organization put into making the tour such a tremendous success. The ACA looks forward to hosting you guys in Argentina later this year.



2nd Carcamanes Cricket Festival

You are invited to visit Argentina and take part in the 2nd Carcamanes Cricket Festival for cricketers in the magical city of Buenos Aires! The Festival will take place from Saturday 5th to Saturday 12th March, 2005, with the only necessary qualification that all players should be at least 40 years young!

Each team will play a minimum of three matches, plus have plenty of time for other activities. The participation fee per team is US \$300.00 which is payable in advance by July 30, 2004.

For registration and further information please contact Christian Tunon, Event Manager, at carcamanescricket@yahoo.com

BRAZIL

As reported by Mike Bowles, President of the Brasilia Cricket Club:

“The 2004 season in Brazil is now underway with the 3 main cricket areas, Brasilia, Sao Paulo and Curitiba already preparing for this year’s interstate championship. Various initiatives are also helping to take cricket forward in this huge country.

The aim of all the clubs here has been to gradually attract more Brazilians into the game. In Brasilia we have kept a regular net practice session going on Wednesday evenings through the close season, thanks to the considerable assistance of the Australian Ambassador and his staff where the nets are sited. At these sessions, not only have the established Brasilia players been able to improve their skills, but it has been an opportunity to do some teaching from scratch to interested Brazilians. We now have between 12 and 15 locals who are learning fast and no doubt in the coming season will be providing some competition for team places. Many of the newcomers are from Brasilia Rugby Club, which coincidentally I have been coaching, and already having an eye for a moving ball, are proving to be great prospects for the future, even if there is still room for improvement in some of the styles.

Another innovation in Brasilia has been the introduction of a six-a-side competition this season, which will add a new and interesting dimension to our regular 11 a side games. This competition will open on June 12 and continue throughout the season, with all 6 teams playing against each of the others. Our cricket ground in Brasilia in the City Park is being improved at

present, thanks to assistance from an ICC grant, and in the interim we are going to be using a field at the University of Brasilia for our matches. The University staff have been very welcoming and this move bodes well for attracting yet more Brazilians to the game here in the Capital. It is planned to maintain both grounds for use in the future with a view to being able to host the South America Championship here in 2006. In Brazil in general we are continuing to use the services of Matt Featherstone who is doing sterling work running coaching, umpiring and scoring clinics, in as many locations as possible.

Apologies for the fact that this report has been “Brasilia heavy” but no doubt than can be re-dressed the next time we report. As a final comment, I would like to report that in Brazil we are actively looking to start cricket, or in some cases re-start it, in other areas and notably in Rio de Janeiro. Rio in particular, I see as a priority because having a team there will be a great added attraction for touring sides, such an important part of cricket development.”

CANADA



Canadian John Davison bowls his way into Cricket History

Canadian captain John Davison played sterling cricket in the recent ICC Intercontinental Cup match between Canada and the U.S.A. at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 28 – 30 and secured a place in the world cricket books when he captured 17 wickets for 137 runs (8/61 and 9/76) with his right-arm off-spinners.

This was the most outstanding bowling effort in first-class cricket since Jim Laker captured 19 for 90 for England against Australia at Old Trafford

in 1956. The feat is the 17th best bowling analysis in first-class cricket history.

His figures shattered the old record for most wickets taken in a match for Canada which had been held by the great Canadian all-rounder Jack Laing, who captured 14 for 54 (6/17 and 8/37) for Canada against the United States at Manheim, Pennsylvania in 1896.

Canadian bowlers who have taken 9 wickets over the years include Joel Bradbury 9/6 against the United States at Toronto in 1854; Edward Ogden 9/83 against the M.C.C. at Lords in 1887; and Brian Christen 9/38 at Toronto against the United States in 1952.

In addition, right-hander John set a new batting record for Canada in first-class cricket when he scored 84 runs in the Canadian first innings. The old record was held by Tom Brierley, who had scored 76 for Canada against the M.C.C. at Toronto in 1951.

It will be remembered that John scored a blazing 111 runs off 67 balls for Canada against the West Indies at Centurion in the World Cup in South Africa in 2003, to record the fastest century in the history of the World Cup.

This innings was also a record for Canada at the World Cup, eclipsing the previous record of 71 set by Ian Billcliff against Kenya at Newlands, Cape Town earlier in the tournament.

CUBA

The inauguration of the Flicx Pitch at the Eduardo Saborit Stadium.

Pictured below is Mr. Atilio Cruz, Head of Recreational Sports in Ciudad Habana Province, on his left is Leona Ford, President of the Cuba Cricket Commission and on his right Secretary Reyan Mendez



The pitch was immediately put to work



U11 eager to start the match



Over 280 Cuban youngsters from the Havana City Cricket Team and International Sports Schools in action.

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MCC Tour of Eastern U.S.A.

The match between MCC and “Gentlemen of Philadelphia” will be hosted by the CC Morris Cricket Library Association and is confirmed for Wednesday, September 22, 2004. The match will be played on “Cope Field” at Haverford College, Haverford, PA and will be a 40-overs match.

For further information, please contact Mike Marcus (Tour Coordinator) at mike@easternresearch.com

Cricket for New York Schools

A very exciting and interesting development of cricket is taking place in the Queens Educational District in New York, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Don Haynes and Sheldon Gomes, who laid the foundation for the pilot project to popularize cricket in the schools in the borough of Queens and beyond, which started on May 24, 2004.

There were 60 kids at the first session and they were all excited and enthusiastic. So much so that the assistant principal Mr. Cormier commented “I am certain this project will be a success and my promise to you is that I will ensure other schools will introduce the game in their curriculum.”

There are many people to thank for this fantastic development, namely, Virgil I Grissom School principal Sonia Nieves, assistant principal John Cormier, Robert Anastasio, Don Haynes, Kathleen Walker, Director of Physical Fitness Development, Cricket International Marketing Executive Rick Henry, and Executive Director Vish Lekhrum, as well as the coaches Sheldon Gomes, Dennis Hewitt and Sankar Rampersad.

Cricket is the ideal vehicle to knit closer ties with the large immigrant population, many of whom are from cricket playing countries. Cricket will be a new challenge for the school children that will help mold discipline, character and unity.

As reported by Mr. Sheldon Gomes (New York Director) – “there are two groups I would like to mention who have been doing yeoman service to the development of youth cricket in the tristate area, i.e. The U.S.A. Cricket Academy in New Jersey and Cricket International Newspaper. The men responsible are Mr. Ashok Patel and Mr. Vish Lekhrum”.



Day Camp kids watching the action between Canada and the USA

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