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With the World Cup qualifying ICC Trophy Tournament only weeks away, the three teams representing the Americas Region are in the final stages of preparation.

There were some anxious days concerning the inclusion of the USA team but we are pleased to report their participation is now confirmed. Bermuda's biggest change seems to be in the coaching department with former WI player and coach Gus Logie at the helm. Veteran Charlie Marshall is back in the squad and should add some depth.

Canada will be without their talented young wicket keeper/batsman Ashish Baggi due to work commitments. World Cup 2003 hero Austin Codrington is on the sideline with an injury and is in the doubtful category. The Canadian team will have three new faces- Canadian born and former national youth player Iain Dixon, former test player Pubudu Dassanayaka from Sri Lanka and Henry Osinde who played for Uganda in the 2001 Trophy. On their management team Canada has added Collin Siller who is familiar with local conditions and former national player Derek Perera.

Team USA has also added three new faces- Barrington Bartley, Hamish Anthony and Gowkaran Roopnarine.

All three countries are hoping to qualify. With the 2007 WC in their region it would be a tremendous boost to cricket in the Americas.

Check the ICC Trophy website for schedule and other news.

#### **Bermuda 's ICC Trophy Squad**

The BCB has announced the 14 players and 4 stand-by players that have been picked by the National Selectors for the forthcoming ICC Trophy in Ireland this July.

The Squad is: Clay Smith (Captain), Janeiro Tucker (Vice-Captain), Albert Steede, OJ Pitcher, Irvine Romaine, Charlie Marshall, Dean Minors, Dwayne Leverock, Delyone Borden, Dennis Archer, Lionel Cann, Saleem Mukuddem, Ryan Steede and Kevin Hurdle.

Stand-by players are: Chris Foggo, Kwame Tucker, Hasan Durham and Wendell White.

### **Canada's Final 14 named for ICC Trophy**

Here is the final 14 man squad selected to represent Canada in the ICC Trophy 2005 in Ireland: Umar Bhatti, Ian Billcliff (Vice Captain), Desmond Chumney, John Davison (Captain), Pubudu Dassanayaka, Sunil Dhaniram, Haninder Dhillon, Iain Dixon, Don Maxwell, Ashish Patel, Henry Osinde, Kevin Sandher, Sanjay Thuraisingam and Zubin Surkari. Officials are - Manager: Mike Henry, Coach: Rupert Gomes, Physio: Dan Keisel, Technical Support: Collin Siller and Derek Perera.

### **USA 2005 ICC Trophy Squad**

The USACA Squad for the ICC Trophy 2005 to be held in Ireland are: Richard Staple (Captain), Nasir Javed (Vice Captain), Charles Reid, Howard Johnson, Aijaz Ali, Mark Johnson, Leon Romero, Rohan Alexander, Steve Massiah, Clayton Lambert, Imran Awan, Barrington Bartley, Hamish Anthony and Gowkaran Roopnarine. Officials are: Hubert Miller (Manager), Sheik Bacchus (Coach), Rizwan Khan (Asst. Coach) and Akhtar Syed (Physiotherapist).



### **ARGENTINA**

The Argentina Cricket Association recently hosted the first ever Chilean Junior team. The Chilean Under 13 team toured Argentina for six days playing 3 matches.

The first match was played against Argentina U13 for the Andes Cup. Argentina won the toss and elected to bat first, scoring 118/9 in 25 overs. Sebastian Poet (Rosario) came to the rescue with 41 not out after the hosts had made a poor start of 12/4. The Chileans started the chase well and were well placed with wickets in hand, however some tight bowling and good fielding from the young Argentines meant that Chile needed to score 8 runs off the last over. They were unable to achieve this target and fell two runs short, thus handing the Andes Cup to the Argentine team for the second consecutive year.

The second match was played at Bedes Grammar School against an Argentine North Schools X1. The match was played over the format of Max Challenge (two innings of twelve overs per side). Chile U13 batted first and made 59/3 in 12 overs. North Schools X1 replied with 65/4 in their 12 overs. The Chilean U13 team batted well in the second innings scoring a formidable 84/4 in their 12 overs, leaving the hosts 79 runs to win in 12 overs. The North Schools team ended on 32/7

thus awarding Chile their first victory on tour by 37 runs.

In the final match of the tour played at Corimayo against the South Schools X1, the Chilean team batting first scored 58 all out. For the South Schools team, Francisco Orozco was the best bowler taking a hat-trick and finishing with 4 wickets in the match. The South team struggled in their reply with a slow start of 18 in the first 10 overs. It was left up to South schools/Argentina U13 Captain Agustin Husain 13 not out and Federico Royet 11, who guided the hosts to a one wicket victory with 4 balls to spare.

**Winter Tours:** The Protearif U14 team from South Africa will tour Argentina from June 22-29 and will play 3 matches against St. George's College, St. Albans College and Bedes Grammar School.

**Development Seminar:** The Argentina Cricket Association recently held a Development Seminar which was attended by the respective clubs and schools. Important decisions were taken on the formats on junior and senior cricket leagues and the respective development programs for the 2005/06 season.

**Argentina U19 team:** The Argentina U19 team under Billy MacDermott and Christian Tunon have been hard at work preparing for the

Americas U19 Championships which is due to take place in Toronto in August 2005. The team will travel out a few days prior to the Championships and will play two warm up matches against Canadian opposition. The final squad will be announced shortly.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Carcamanes Cricket Festival** **March 18 - 26, 2006**

Don't miss this fantastic and unique event in 2006 and the opportunity to experience magical Buenos Aires and amazing Argentina. This cricket festival takes place annually in Buenos Aires, Argentina and is for teams and clubs of cricketers at least 40 years young. For more information contact Christian Tunon or Andrea Prestia at [ctunon@baimax.com](mailto:ctunon@baimax.com) or [aprestia@baimax.com](mailto:aprestia@baimax.com)

### **BELIZE**

*As reported by Elston Wade, Jr. "David defeated Goliath "Cubed" by 23 runs.*

Edwin "Bo Goat" Seguro, the right hand bowler and captain of Bright Star Cricket Club, has been saying it all along but no one listened to him. Seguro insisted that they will upset one of the big clubs.

The match between Berlan and Bright Star was scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2005. Berlan had the hometown advantage but Bo Goat won the toss and his team elected to bat. Bo Goat was the fifth batsman to face the vicious bowling of Berlan's Orlando Banner, Lawrence Banner, Andrew Banner and Edward Bull. The bowlers confined him to only one six and three fours in twelve overs at bat. The remaining ten runs to complete his top score of twenty-eight runs were singles. But Bo Goat was a man possessed! He was not only the top scorer, he also uprooted four wickets for thirty-three runs, which was his team's best average.

When the stumps were pulled to signal the end of the match, Berlan could only muster eighty-eight runs in twenty of their allotted fifty overs. Bo Goat and his team mates, joined by their manager David Rowland and their fans, continue to celebrate a victory which only Bo goat could have conceived and in fact, engineered.

### **BERMUDA**

#### **U19 Squad Members Capped**

BCB National Coach Gus Logie, U19 Coach Herbie Bascome and Allan Richardson, Vice-President of the BCB, recently presented U19 National training uniforms to members of the current BCB U19 squad who are in training in preparation for the ICC Regional World Cup Qualifier in Toronto this August.

The players were honoured at a special general assembly at Berkeley school in recognition of their achievement on selection to the squad. The champions of the upcoming tournament will go on to compete in the U19 World Cup in Sri Lanka in February 2006, featuring all the major test teams. The last World Cup was won by Pakistan.

National Coach Gus Logie praised the young men selected. "I congratulate all the players selected to join the National U19 team and on behalf of the BCB I encourage them to be role models to their peers in the school community. I expect that they will exhibit the high level of discipline that is expected and I urge them to continue to be committed, have a strong sense of responsibility and retain a healthy work ethic".

### **BRAZIL**

The 2005 Brazilian Interstate season finally got underway on May 14, with Curitiba hosting Sao Paulo for two matches, both played in hot, sunny conditions at the HSBC staff sports complex.

Curitiba batted first on Saturday and finished up at a respectable 209. Sao Paulo responded at more than 8 an over for the first 10 overs. The next several overs gave Curitiba hope, as tight bowling which also brought more wickets to each bowler, saw Sao Paulo's run rate drop to 2 an over. No one, however, could contain Stann Fraser (44\*) and Vicky Chaudhry (34\*), who allowed their side to cruise to a six wicket victory with more than 12 overs to spare, and retain the Araucaria Cup once again.

Sao Paulo batted first on Sunday and kept the score moving along at more than 5 an over throughout, despite the regular fall of wickets. Faisal (43) was again in good form. In fact, five

Sao Paulo batters were out caught, which reflected a more concerted effort from Curitiba's fielders. Hammad Durrani had a career best 4-17 bowling for Curitiba. Chasing 170, Curitiba were all out in 24 overs for a paltry 90. Sao Paulo picked up 20 points over the weekend, against 11 for Curitiba.

Sao Paulo will host Curitiba for their return matches in June.



Curitiba batsman Chris Johnson sweeps one to leg  
(photo by Alan Skyrme)

## **CANADA**

### **Cricket Conference held at Toronto City Hall**

On the evening of May 19<sup>th</sup> the Mayor of Toronto, Mr. David Miller, and the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Department of the City of Toronto, hosted a Cricket Conference which included a delegation from the Canadian Cricket Association. The purpose of the conference was to establish a partnership between the groups and identify what the needs of the cricket community are and how these can be accommodated by the city while also achieving the city goals of serving the ethnic and cultural diversity of the city's public.

One noteworthy attendee was the Canadian Cricket Captain, Mr. John Davison, who is ready to take his team to the 2005 ICC Trophy tournament in Ireland in July 2005.

Mr. Steve Ferley from the CCA gave a presentation outlining how the demographics and the consequent changing needs of the game of cricket in the City of Toronto have evolved over the past 40 years.

The conference culminated in three breakout sessions:

1. Ground and turf wicket maintenance and preparation.
2. Indoor facilities requirements
3. Cricket in local schools and the requirements.

Overall it was a most successful and historic occasion. The CCA thanked the City of Toronto for this unique opportunity to present its case and very much look forward to working in partnership with the City of Toronto to develop the game of cricket in a way that enhances cultural harmony in the city.

### **WICB/CCA Cricket Presentation**

Dr. Michael Seepersaud (Development Officer for West Indies Cricket Board) and the Canadian Cricket Association will host a presentation on June 6, 2005 at the Sport Alliance Centre to address the following:

#### Why Cricket

- Instills discipline and character building
- Involves basic movements – skill development, judgment and coordination
- Fosters intellectual development in the child
- Stimulates through analysis, tactics and strategy
- Emphasizes conduct in accordance with codes of behaviour, fair play and sportsmanship

*“Honesty, integrity and fair-play are the greatest virtues of a cricketer,” Clive Lloyd*

- Demands discipline, responsibility, commitment
- Develops teamwork, leadership and fellowship qualities
- Like life itself, cricket is a “game of glorious uncertainties”
- Cricket is interwoven into the fabric of our society

## CHILE

### ICC Introductory Course

The first in a series of ICC Introduction to Cricket courses was held at Universidad Mayor over the weekend of May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and was attended by seven enthusiastic Physical Education students. The course, run as part of the ACC's newly formed partnership with the university, covered the basic skills (batting, bowling and fielding) as well as modules on umpiring & scoring and modified & innovative cricket. All participants passed with flying colours and are now looking at ways to become more involved with the sport in Chile.

### Sub13 Tour by Chile to Argentina

*As reported in the Argentine section*

A disappointed Chile U13 squad returned to Santiago on May 26<sup>th</sup> having lost out to Argentina in the annual Andes Cup (formerly Copa Trasadina) held at the spectacular Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires.

For the second year running, Sebastian Poet was awarded Player of the Tournament for his decisive lower-order innings and unenviable task of bowling at the death.

During their five-day tour, Chile also played games against North and South School XIs, winning the Northern leg comfortably by 40 runs and missing out by a single wicket in the final over of the South game.

The ACC would like to thank the ACA, Hurlingham Club, Bedes Grammar School and St. Alban's College for their excellent hospitality throughout the duration of this tour.

## COSTA RICA

*Report by Richard Illingworth, President CRCA*

The Costa Rica Cricket League has just completed its inaugural season, competing annually for The (late) Lance Binns Cup. There are four clubs, which finished in this order: CCCCCR (Croquet & Cricket Club of Costa Rica); EdGaps (Educacion Plus and GAP students); Lambert's Corsairs; Limon CC. The decider between the first two was played on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The League has attracted new players to the sport and raised standards of play.



Richard Illingworth leading his team to Costa Rica's Championship.

We sent a representative to the ICC Americas Coaching and Development Seminar in Mexico last November, Andrew Ewbank, who has been active in the development of youth cricket and received the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award.



Andrew Ewbank in Mexico

Due to our lack of a suitable and permanent ground we have sadly had to turn away possible visiting teams from Belize, Mexico, Panama and Turks & Caicos Islands.

CRCA was honoured to be the first Affiliate to host the ICC Americas Annual Development Forum at the end of April, the sixth such gathering, which went off well. This reporter has attended the last five and, striving not to be biased, opines that it was the best in terms of content, decisions, organization and location.

## CUBA

Preparation for the 2006 Regional U15 tournament is underway.

Guantanamo has offered to organize the Eastern Zone Qualifying matches (mainly Stgo de Cuba, Las Tunas, Holguin and Host).

Pinar del Rio to confirm for the Western provinces involved in cricket (mainly C. Havana, Isla de la Juventud, Matanzas, Host). The Central teams will qualify in Camaguey (Ciego de Avila and Host).

The Commission will announce the National Tournament with the winners of each zone in Havana City in order to select the National team to compete in the 2006 Regional Tournament, which is expected to take place in Havana, Cuba.

RDO Grant Dugmore will visit Cuba from June 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. A Coaching Seminar will be held and attendance is expected to be high, as all 15 provinces are planning to send representatives.

## MEXICO

The MCA Championship reached its conclusion in May, with the final game being between the top two teams and with the victors being crowned champions. Tigres de Bengala held the upper hand, but their one game advantage over Reforma would count for nothing if they lost and let in Reforma on net run rate. Tigres elected to bat and their top batsmen Tarun and Gulshan didn't let them down – the latter eventually went on to make his maiden 50. Vital late runs came from Appu and Gullu, who took the league leaders to a final total of 174/7 in their 30 overs.

Reforma found the early going tough in their reply, losing four of their first five batsmen for less than 25 runs. The middle order settled in well to start scoring quick runs. Tahir, Kedar and Tushar tried hard to make a fight of it, but the Tigres always had the knack of taking a wicket at the critical moments. Despite their valiant fightback, the Reforma innings closed on 143 all out, handing the Championship title to the Tigres de Bengala by a clear margin of two victories.

Congratulations to the Tigres de Bengala, who in their first season as members of the MCA, have swept the board, adding the Championship title to the Brian Gay Trophy they won before Christmas.

The short off-season will be far from quiet, with a tour to Houston now arranged and preparations for the establishment of a coaching program in Mexico, creating plenty to occupy the MCA organizing committee.

## TURKS & CAICOS

### Grand Turk Cricket Association 2005 Series

Police breathed new life into the Grand Turk Cricket Association 2005 series when they crushed leaders Back Salina by 77 runs in the latest game played on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Parade in Grand Turk. Police accumulated 187 for six from their quota of 25 overs. In reply, Back Salina could only muster 110 all out in 18.1 overs. Police are now level on points (24) with Cable and Wireless, but have played seven games to the latter's six. Back Salina remains on 32 from seven.

Meanwhile at Providenciales the TCI Internationals got sweet revenge on May 22<sup>nd</sup> when they defeated the Jamaican all-stars by 25 runs, chalking up their first win of the series. Batting first, the Internationals made 132 for 5. When the Jamaicans batted they were skittled out for 107.

## USA

### Lauderhill's Cricket Semi-Finals

#### “3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mayor Kaplan's International Cricket Cup 2005”

The City of Lauderhill Sports Park Complex has been the center of attention for South Florida's highest profile cricket tournament. In collaboration with the Florida South East Cricket League and the South Florida Cricket Alliance, this single elimination tournament between various teams representing their countries also includes a City of Lauderhill Team. The tournament, which started in February, will conclude on June 4<sup>th</sup> with Jamaica playing Guyana

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### Articles for NewsFlash

We wish to remind you that articles and photos (compressed and in JPEG) are required by the **25th** of each month. We welcome your submissions.