



ICC Americas



NewsFlash

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Americas Region Development Forum

This year's forum in Havana, Cuba was a huge success with 14 of the 15 member countries in attendance. Matthew Kennedy, Global Development Manager of the ICC and several Cuban government authorities attended. The presence of delegates raised the profile of the sport in Cuba where cricket is recognized as a recreational activity as opposed to a competitive national sport.

A general review of the ICC Americas development program was presented by Martin Vieira, RDM and Grant Dugmore, RDO. Matthew Kennedy, GDM presented an update on the global program and a presentation on the Principles of Good Governance, Leadership and Development. All countries were given the opportunity to present activities and future plans of their country.

A dinner on Saturday, May 13 was attended by all delegates and officials from three embassies in Cuba (England, India and Jamaica), all pledging support to the Cuba Cricket Board to help develop the sport in that country.

The Regional and Global Development Awards were presented to the recipients by several of the distinguished guests present.

The group identified challenges facing the region and formed a Strategic Planning Committee to design a three year plan for future development in the region.



Delegates at the 4th Annual Development Forum



Leona Ford, President of Cuba Cricket Board receiving their regional award from Matthew Kennedy, Global Development Manager

Canada and Bermuda start on the road to World Cup 2007

A tri-nation series of ODIs was played in Trinidad in May between Zimbabwe, Bermuda and Canada. For the Canadian team it was their first venture into the international scene this year and their performance probably reflected that fact. Their new National Coach, Andy Pick was barely on the job when the first ball was bowled. Bermuda had already taken tours to UAE and Trinidad and in the game between the two regional rivals it was obvious that Canada needed to put much more hours in if they hope to retain their number one ranking in the region.

Scores:

Game 1 Zimbabwe 218/8 (Rinke 72) beat Canada 75 by 143 runs.

Game 2 Bermuda 153/7 (Minors 46*, J.Davison 3/18) beat Canada 157/9 (Codrington 45*) by 3 wickets (D/L 150 off 44 overs)

Game 3 Zimbabwe 338/7 (Taylor 98) beat Bermuda 144/7 (Romaine 62) by 194 runs.

Game 4 Zimbabwe 259/7 (Sibawda 116, Taylor 55) beat Bermuda 176 (Mupariwa 3/19) By 83 runs.



Bermuda celebrating their victory over Canada, at Queens Park Oval, Trinidad



Roger Dill (Bermuda)
Standing in his first ODI



Irvine Romaine



George Codrington



ARGENTINA

Junior teams finish season on a high

The Argentine U13 and U15 teams returned from a very successful tour of Chile with both sides winning all three of their respective matches.

The Argentine U15 team, led by Juan Pablo Bordacahar, produced some strong team performances to comprehensively beat the Chilean U15 team 3-0 and claim the first ever South American U15 Championship, while the Argentine U13 team retained the Andes Cup for the third successive year.

Summary of matches played:

Argentina U13 vs Santiago Schools X1 at Prince of Wales Club

Result: Argentina U13 won by 4 wickets
Man of the Match: Augusto Mustafa (scored 46)

Santiago Schools X1 – 98/6 in 30 overs
Argentina U13 – 100/6 in 16 overs

Argentina U13 vs Chile U13 at Grange School (Andes Cup)

Result: Argentina U13 won by 82 runs
Man of the match- Franco Martinageli (3/7)

Argentina U13 – 132 all out in 30 overs
Chile U13 – 50 all out in 16 overs

Argentina U13 vs ACC X1 at Grange School

Result: Argentina U13 won by 7 wickets
Man of the match: Ignacio Abab (3/6)

ACC X1 – 80/5 in 24 overs
Argentina U13 – 81/3 in 15 overs

Chile U15 – 49 all out in 27.4 overs

Agustin Husain (7-4-3-2), Sebastian Fennell (2.4-0-4-3)

Argentina U15 – 53/1

J.P. Bordacahar 37 not out

Argentina U15 – 248 all out in 32.1 overs

J.P. Bordacahar 67, R. Fregossi 29

Chile U15 – 42 all out in 19.3 overs

J. Pinilla (5-5-0-2), S. Paez Nicoletti (5-1-6-3)

Argentina U15 – 134 for 9 in 35 overs

R. Fregossi 45, J. Pinilla 22

Chile U15 – 52 all out in 20.1 overs

J. Pinilla (5-2-11-6)

BERMUDA

BCB 2006 2-Day League

The weekend of May 25/26 saw the final round of the BCB 2-Day league when the champion of each division is decided. The champion of the Premier league will receive \$2,500. The First division champion will receive \$2,000, the Second division champion \$1,500 and the Third division champion \$1,000.

The three teams for promotion and relegation will also be decided that weekend.

2006 Belco Cup Plans announced

Bermuda Electric Light Company Ltd. (BELCO) and the Bermuda Cricket Board (BCB) jointly announced plans for the 2006 BELCO Cup (June 10-11) which promises to be a great weekend of cricket and family fun. Play begins at 11.00 a.m. each day.

This year's line-up for the Saturday semi-finals, pitting the top four teams from the 2005 season against one another is:

- At Somerset Cricket Club – St. David's vs Western Stars
- At St. David's County Cricket Club – Bailey's bay vs Southampton Rangers

On Sunday, the winning teams will compete in the final at Lords Field, St. David's.

The 2006 BELCO Cup offers new highlights that should further raise the competitive bar. The Century Award will be \$1,000 to the charity of the team's choice, plus a \$250 electricity credit to the batsman. BELCO will increase the team and man of the match awards, as follows:

- \$1,500 - BELCO Cup Winning team
- \$1,000 - Finalist
- \$500 - Each of the other two Semi-Final teams
- \$300 - Man of the Match

During the tea break, BCB Youth Program Coach Wendell Smith will coordinate a special activity for young cricketers, giving them the opportunity to test their batting, bowling and fielding skills.

BCB President Reg Pearman said "BELCO Cup is always an enjoyable weekend of cricket and this year fans can expect to see great games. We hope the fans will come out to support the teams, as well as to enjoy the summer sun and weekend fun"



Bermuda Squad leave for England and Guernsey

Lionel Cann and Kwame Tucker are both unavailable due to injury (groin strains). Azeem Pitcher is unavailable due to work commitments. Jekon Edness will be joining the squad from Cardiff. James West has fully recovered from his recent shoulder injury and therefore has been included.

On Thursday, June 1st the team will be competing for the third year running for the Catlin Cup at Beckenham. Bermuda won the

Cup in 2004 and Lloyds are the current Cup holders.

The BCB has included Wilbur pitcher, a local umpire, designated by the Bermuda Cricket Umpires Association to officiate in all five matches in order to gain further international experience.

Janeiro Tucker will again skipper the squad with Irving Romaine as his vice captain. National Team captain Clay Smith will be in the tour party.

BCB provide free training on new Web-based cricket program

As another aspect of the BCB's continual developmental process, a seminar for clubs being held to train players on the new program has been put into place, which will allow each club to enter their scorecard remotely into an Internet enabled real-time computer program. Once all clubs are proficient with this process, there should be a great improvement in the speed and efficiency with which the score cards are processed, therefore allowing for a timelier update of league tables and individual statistics and averages.

BRAZIL

The 2006 season is set to begin, with Sao Paulo visiting Curitiba for two matches, on June 10 and 11. Sao Paulo have been busy practicing in a local baseball stadium where they soon plan to build a net.



Depending on where you live in the world, having a proper net facility can seem an expensive luxury, which prevents many clubs from making the effort to get one. Rather than importing a model through the internet for about US \$2,000, some years ago the Brasilia Cricket

Club and the Curitiba Cricket Club each rolled up their sleeves and built their own nets. The ICC website's Development section has several pictures showing the construction of the two Brasilia nets, while the story of the net in Curitiba may prove helpful to other clubs who want a net but feel they can't afford one.

First, the Club found a high rise building under construction whose workers were preparing to throw out its blue protective netting. After getting a shop to cut and sew the netting into a 30 x 30 yard piece, we bought ten rough timber posts (11 feet long) and 14 lengths of rope, 20 large nails ((two per post) to secure the posts and the rope, plus 14 spikes to fasten the ropes down. **Total cost about US # \$150.** Time spent running around – just a day or two, and the result is pictured below. Not the world's prettiest net perhaps, but it works just fine!



CANADA

The Provincial men's teams from Ontario and Quebec are set to meet in the Athoistan Cup on June 10 and 11, set for Waterloo Park in Waterloo, Ontario. This will be a two-innings per team match. The Ontario side is due to be captained by George Codrington. Quebec is expected to include Qaiser Ali who made his Canadian national team debut in the 2005 ICC Intercontinental Cup. Both players were part of the Canadian squad in Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, for the recent Tri-Nations ODI series.

At the recent ICC Americas Forum held in Cuba, Anne Davis of British Columbia was selected as the alternate representative for the Americas region on the ICC Women's Development Committee. Ann Browne-John of Trinidad

remains the primary representative for the region.

The CCA has been awarded an initial sponsorship deal by Scotiabank that will help support cricket at the junior level in Canada. Under the CCA proposal, money from the deal will be used to provide some equipment, assist with coaching support and introduce cricket to some schools. In return, Scotiabank is due to see such features as brand promotion/logo exposure and media coverage of championship matches. Manitoba and Saskatchewan have made a quick start in supporting this program.

USA

ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 visits New York

Chris Dehring, Managing Director and CEO, met with the Caribbean community in New York the first weekend in June. Mr. Dehring addressed a cross section of Caribbean and Indian media representatives, updating them on the progress of the 2007 World Cup.

Regarding Saturday's meeting, members of the WICB, BCCI, USACA and CCA met to discuss a proposed one-day series to spur cricket development in Canada and the USA. It is hoped that such a series could be played in North American cities later this year.

EL SALVADOR

Two teams – the Cuscatlan Chiefs and Atlacatl Knights – composing mainly of students and staff from the Academia Britanica Cuscatleca in San Salvador, played out a 3 'test' series in May. The Knights won 2:1, with Luis Cestoni picking up the best bowler award and Francisco Arbizu the best batsman award.

The school team is preparing for a development tour to Belize in October 2006

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