



# ICC Americas



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## WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE – DIVISION 3

When Argentina was asked to fill the spot in Division 3 vacated by the USA, no one (not even the Argentines) could have expected the final outcome.

After losing their opening match by the slightest of margins – one run, Team Argentina defeated one of the favourites (PNG) by a convincing five wickets.

The Cayman Islands team in Group B was also enjoying a successful tournament with wins over Tanzania and Hong Kong. In the final match of the round robin, the Islanders lost to Uganda while Argentina did the unthinkable. They defeated Fiji and in doing so grabbed first place in Group A on run rate as three teams ended with identical records of 2-1.

An all Americas semi-final between Argentina and Cayman Islands looked to have a predictable outcome as the former had never defeated the Caymans in regional play. But this was to be a tournament for the boys from down “Happy Feet” land as they shocked their Americas region cousins, bowling them out for 102. It was not an easy road to victory as Cayman fought hard and had the blue and white in trouble, but in the end 102 was no total to defend. By virtue of their win, Argentina qualified for Division 2 in Namibia, November 2007.

Both Americas region teams lost their final game – Cayman Islands lost the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place game to PNG while Argentina’s dream was ended by Uganda.

It was an incredible tournament for the region’s teams, ending 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the eight team tournament.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ARGENTINA AND CAYMAN ISLANDS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN DARWIN**



**Team Argentina**



**Player of the tournament  
Estaban “Billy” MacDernott**



**The Champs-Uganda**



## **BERMUDA**

### U19 National Team Manager appointed

The Bermuda Cricket Board is pleased to announce that Mr. Gerald Bean has been appointed as the U19 National Team Manager. This is an extremely important year for the U19s as they look to qualify for the U19 Cricket World Cup this summer, so filling this role has been an important step in consolidating a successful administrative staff for the squad.

### BSG makes U13 cricket more secure

The BCB is very pleased to announce that the BSG U13 League will be starting out this season under much safer conditions, thanks to the generous support once again of the Bermuda Security Group. Their direct investment in youth cricket at the grassroots level has allowed for the purchase of helmets to ensure the safety of our younger players. Each team will also be provided with 12 playing shirts kindly provided by BSG. This will be the third consecutive season that BSG has sponsored the U13 League which continues to grow in popularity and strength with 10 teams being fielded this year.

### Bermuda reaching across the regions

A team shirt personally signed by every member of Bermuda's historic first World Cup cricket squad was among the prized items under the hammer when the Kathmandu Kids Club and the ISIS Foundation held a charity auction in May.

Funds raised by the event go directly to projects run by the ISIS Foundation to help children in need in Uganda and Nepal. The Kathmandu Kids Club was formed last year to specifically raise funds to support the ISIS Foundation's work in Nepal.



It's a tough job but somebody has got to sign autographs so Gus Logie (National Coach) and Irving Romaine (National Captain) volunteered.

## **BRAZIL**

The domestic league is well underway, and for the first time now features six teams. Brasilia are currently top of the table with two wins, followed by Sao Paulo Indians, Curitiba A, Sao Paulo Rest of the World, Candangos CC, and Curitiba B. To ensure that teams on the losing end have something to shoot for, bonus points are awarded for every wicket taken and for every 25 runs scored.

History was made on May 6 in Curitiba when Curitiba A (240-3) defeated Sao Paulo Rest of the World (238-9) for the first time in eight encounters, and in doing so finally won the Araucaria Cup. Sao Paulo's score was aided by a fine 116 from Greigor Caisely and a brisk 57 from Vishnbai Chaudhary, but Curitiba took just 36 overs to overhaul the total, thanks primarily to Fasih Uddin's 113\* (with Hammad Durrani serving as a runner from the first ball – when was the last time you heard of a runner “scoring 100 runs?”), and Jeetu Khemani's smash bang 47\*. The victory also marked Rohit Khamani's debut as Curitiba A captain. The following day saw Sao Paulo Indians (212-5) defeated

Curitiba B (206-10), with Deodat Randolph scoring 62\*. Special thanks to the HSBC groundstaff for all their hard work, and to the sun for shining warmly all weekend.



Curitiba A, victorious at last.

Brasilia captain and all-round organizational workhorse Vince Bastick will shortly be returning to Australia for a year, leaving the side in the very capable hands of Rubibal Islam, who was one of Brazil's leading performers at the recent South American Championships. Vince has been absolutely instrumental in keeping cricket alive and well in Brazil's capital by developing schools programmes, helping form the all-Brazilian Candangos CC, and creating all manner of temporary cricket grounds.

For his efforts, Vince was Brazil's nominee for the 2006 ICC Americas Volunteer of the Year.



Vince Bastick hard at work.

## **CANADA**

### CCA seeks applications for CEO

As a result of success both on and off the field, the Canadian Cricket Association is seeking a Chief Executive Officer to implement a long-term strategic plan for the CCA and to lead the organization in the highly competitive sports industry in Canada.

### New Women's Coordinator

Claire Abbott of the University of Victoria has been appointed pro temp as the new coordinator for women's cricket in Canada, replacing the former coordinator Anne Davis who resigned recently. Claire will be at the helm of women's cricket this summer as they prepare for the ICC Americas tournament to be played in Toronto from August 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>.



### Canada defeated in I-Cup final

Canada lost its opportunity to bring home the I-Cup when they went down to a crushing defeat by Ireland. The four-day game was completed in two days – Canada losing by an innings and 115 runs. Umar Bhatti's hat trick and the determination of Ashif Mulla (48) were not enough to stop the defending champions.

### Hat trick of LBWs

Umar Bhatti joined a company of cricketers (hat trickers) when he completed the lbw hat trick in the Intercontinental Cup final against Ireland at Grace Road, Leicester county ground. Umar joins a distinguished group of nine international bowlers, dating back to 1932 when Horace Fisher did it for Yorkshire vs Somerset.



Team mates congratulate Umar

### Western Canada U23 Cricket Championship

The 2007 Western Canada U23 Championship was held May 19 – 21 at Victoria Park and Millwoods Park. Final results were:

1. Alberta - Edmonton
2. Alberta - Calgary
3. Manitoba

### Toronto Schools

Cricket continues to grow in Toronto schools. Most of the growth is due to the efforts of hard-working school teachers like Tim Stone, who will be conducting a Cricket Festival at Vradenburg Junior Public School on Wednesday, June 20 (12.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.). This is a 3 School Tournament involving Cornell J.P.S., Grenoble P.S., and Vradenburg J.P.S., which will include cricket skill-development stations to encourage school age children to play the sport.

## CHILE

The 2006/07 season has drawn to a close here in Chile. When we look back, it will no doubt be remembered as one of the most successful ever. Among the highlights of the past 8 months the following stand out: visits by no less than 4 touring teams (HMS Chatham, Worcestershire Over 55s, The Forty Club and the MCC); another successful participation in the South American Championship (many thanks to Peru for their kind hospitality and a superbly organized tournament); being awarded the "Best Overall Cricket Development Programme" prize at the ICC Development Awards (Americas Region); the presence of John Davies, our National Development Officer and senior team coach for the 06/07 season, who worked extremely hard at all levels with considerable success; another competitive version of the Metro Cup (deservedly won by La Reina CC); another round of Second Division matches; an ever higher number of senior Chileans playing consistently week in and week out, and ever more Chilean school kids being introduced to the game we love.

In order to celebrate the end of season, we held a dinner at the Marriott Hotel here in Santiago. We took this opportunity to

officially hand the Metro Cup to La Reina's winning captain Ian Scott and also to honour the "best of the best" from the season:

Best Batsman: Rob Spurr

Best Bowler: Tony Beasley

Best Fielder: Jarryd Green

Best Junior: Cristian Eyzaguirre

Most Improved Player: Cristian Barrales

"Alejandro Saldana" Spirit of Cricket Award: Andre Joubert

Development Award: Adrian Wolfenden

Congratulations to all the winners, and many thanks to the 06/07 ACC Committee for putting in many hours of hard work and commitment in making this season such a successful one.

## MEXICO

The fifth annual Development Forum was held in Mexico City in May. Thirteen of the fifteen countries were represented at this important annual event held at the beautiful Reforma Athletic Club in Mexico. The host association was represented by both their present and past Chairmen - Keith Foster and Lincoln Clarke. ICC Americas would like to thank them for their generous hospitality. Retiring Presidents - Richard Illingworth (Costa Rica) and Lincoln Clarke (Mexico) were presented with plaques by ICC Americas in appreciation for their many years of developing the game in their respective countries.



Richard Illingworth and Martin Vieira RDM



Lincoln Clarke with Martin Vieira

## PANAMA

Panama reports that the rainy season from May to December is forcing the new executive to consider other options. One such option is to play at night under flood lights. The Panama Cricket Association is currently working on obtaining a ground for this purpose.

## TURKS & CAICOS

### Cavaliers win again in Provo Twenty/20

Caribbean Cavaliers continued their winning ways in the Providenciales Twenty-20 cricket competition with an easy eight-wicket victory over Police on May 22nd at the Downtown Ball Park. Batting first after winning the toss, Police were dismissed for 119 in 17.2 overs. Cavaliers passed the score losing only 2 wickets in 12.1 overs.

### Jamaica All Stars brush aside Police in Provo Twenty/20

Jamaica All Stars brushed aside the Police by nine wickets as the Providenciales Twenty/20 cricket competition continued on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Ball Park. After being asked to bat first, Police amassed a challenging 161 for nine from their allotted 20 overs. In reply, the All Stars raced to 165 for one in 15.2 overs. This was due mainly to a boundary studded innings of 99 by Browne who hit 10 fours and six sixes.

### Jamaica/Guyana cricket match for Provo

The Providenciales Cricket Association, in an effort to generate interest in the game, organized a feature match between members of the Jamaican and Guyanese population on the island. The match took place on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (a public holiday) at the Downtown Ball Park. The teams competed for a trophy and prizes donated by K-Tires on Leeward Highway, Providenciales. The first such match between teams from Jamaica and Guyana was played last year in Grand Turk, with the Jamaicans winning in an exciting fashion in virtual darkness.

## U.S.A.

### Lauderhill's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Cricket Cup – Finals

On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> the stage was set for a great night of record breaking cricket in the City of Lauderhill. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Cricket Cup Finals at the Lauderhill Sports Complex proved to be a night full of excitement for some and disappointment for others, starting with the first ball batted. The battle between reigning defending champions for the past 4 years, Team Jamaica was up against a forceful Team Pakistan, a team that kept the momentum and pounded the Jamaican team as they took the victory. **Team Pakistan became champions of Lauderhill's Night Cricket 2007.**

Ten teams participated in this night league – Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Leeward Islands, Windward Islands, Guyana, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Jamaica, and the Lauderhill Team (Americas).

### ICC AMERICAS WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The first Americas Women's Championship will be held in August at the Maple Leaf CC in Toronto. Four teams -Argentina, Bermuda, Canada and by invitation Trinidad & Tobago Youth XI will compete. Ann-Browne-John (Trinidad & WI player and Coach) will conduct a training camp prior to the start of the tournament, mainly for Bermuda as they continue their preparation as the Region's representative to the Women's World Cup Qualifying Tournament. Session times have also been assigned to the other teams in the tournament. Schedule:

**Aug 20 T&T vs Canada  
Bermuda vs Argentina**

**Aug 21 T&T vs Bermuda  
Canada vs Argentina**

**Aug 22 Rest Day**

**Aug 23 T&T vs Argentina  
Canada vs Bermuda**

**Aug 24 T&T vs Americas XI  
Rest of Americas "A" vs "B"**

## U19 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

The Americas U19 WCQS will precede the Women's tournament at the same venue. Defending champions USA will not be taking part as the National Body continues to be suspended for governance issues. The tournament remains a five team event as Bahamas has qualified to enter a full team becoming the first affiliate member to take on the Associates.

Schedule:

Aug 13 Argentina vs Bermuda  
Canada vs Cayman Islands

Aug 14 Bahamas vs Cayman Islands  
Canada vs Argentina

Aug 15 Rest Day

Aug 16 Bermuda vs Bahamas  
Argentina vs Cayman Islands

Aug 17 Canada vs Bahamas  
Bermuda vs Cayman Islands

Aug 18 Argentina vs Bahamas  
Bermuda vs Canada

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