



AMERICAS REGION NEWSFLASH

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FIRST AMERICAS WOMEN'S ACADEMY CAMP A HUGE SUCCESS

Eleven women from three countries – Argentina, Bermuda and Canada – were joined by four players from Trinidad and Tobago at the first ever women's camp in the Americas.

Regional Development Manager, Martin Vieira, visited the camp in Trinidad and commented "I am delighted when a project is planned, implemented and progressed as successfully as this. All involved - officials of the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board at the complex, coaches and managers, and the players - have agreed it was a huge success."

The last ten days provided the selected group of top prospects from their countries to not only improve their playing skills but gain valuable experience in many areas required in today's modern game.

The coaching staff consisted of three former international women players of the West Indies – Ann Browne-John, Stephanie Powers and Jasmine Sammy. Cinda Bobb (St. Vincent and Bermuda) was manager of the team.

In addition to daily drills and educational sessions in several areas, the group played as an Americas X1 in three games versus local competition. The management and coaching staff were amazed at how quickly the girls gelled as a team and the vast improvement in their skills over the ten day period.

Indoor session



Match vs local team



Coaches and Management



DEVELOPMENT FORUM – CAYMAN ISLANDS

The region held its Annual Forum in Grand Cayman on May 10/11, 2008. The Associates and Affiliates Rep held a meeting on May 9 prior to the forum. Tim Anderson, ICC Development Programs Manager, attended and was instrumental in explaining proposed changes to funding and membership criteria. The meeting was well attended by fourteen member countries. On Saturday night an ICC sponsored dinner was held and winners of both Regional and Global Awards were presented with plaques. The Cayman Islands Cricket Association's hospitality was outstanding and included a "wrap" dinner at a local spot for the delegates attending.



(Left) Bermuda captures 3 regional and 2 global awards (Right) Delegates at the annual forum

USA AND BAHAMAS – DIVISION 5 WCL

Both regional teams found the going tough in Jersey. The USA, favorites to take the title, finished fourth while the Bahamas in finishing eleventh could only manage a tie against Japan and a victory against Vanuatu. The USA finished second in group "A" based on NRR but failed to win both playoff games against Jersey and Nepal.

Afghanistan took the title by defeating host Jersey in a low scoring game by two wickets. Nepal easily defeated the USA by 98 runs for third place, while Bahamas won their first match by six wickets against Vanuatu to escape finishing last.



USA-Shuja twice took 5 wickets in a match



The batting not as reliable



Bahamas-1 tie and 1 victory



ARGENTINA

Multimar U13 Winter League

Lomas Athletic Club U13s made a strong start to the winter league winning the first Cup played on Sunday, April 27 at St. Georges College. There were a total of eight teams participating in the first of five U13 Cup Tournaments which was proudly sponsored by Baimax International and Multimar S.A. There were teams from St. Albans, St. Georges College, Belgrano A.C. and Lomas A.C. Lomas A.C. defeated St. Albans in the final to claim the Multimar, with St. Georges Saints beating the St. Georges Reds in the plate final to claim the Baimax plate.

Lomas Athletic Club continued to dominate the Multimar U13 Winter Cup played on Sunday, May 18 at St. Georges College. There were a total of eighteen teams that took part in the second edition with a total of nineteen matches played. It was encouraging to see the number of parents that came out to support their kids at this event.

Lomas A.C. overcame a strong challenge from St. Albans in the semi final which they won by 5 runs. They took on the St. Georges Knights in the final of the Multimar Cup and in yet another closely contested match, Lomas proved too strong as they won by eight runs to claim their second title of the winter league.

The "Baimax Plate" final was contested between Belgrano 'B' and Belgrano 'C' with the former winning the title.

Winter Junior Elite Cricket Clinic

The Argentine Cricket Association held their first Winter Junior Elite Coaching Clinic at St. Georges College in May. The clinic was a great success with eighteen kids participating from four clubs in an all day event. There were nine local coaches from the ACA on hand as the kids were put through various stations going through various skills such as batting, bowling and fielding drills, looking to improve their technique on every cricket skill.

The event started at 11 a.m. and finished at 16hs allowing our juniors to have a good intensive day of cricket. To end the day, a competition between the different groups was organized. In this competition the juniors had to implement the new skills they had learnt into various games and exercises. Each kid was presented with a DVD and Certificate as the first clinic was concluded.

Australian Old Collegians tour

The Australian Old Collegians are scheduled to start their World Tour in Argentina towards the end of May. They will play two matches against an ACA Presidents and Buenos Aires X1 at Hurlingham Club.

Check out the scores and reports in the June edition of the ICC NewsFlash.

BERMUDA

Mike Young offers Fielding Workshops

Mr. Mike Young, specialist fielding coach for the Australian Cricket Team, conducted fielding workshops May 28-30 which were open to the public to attend. Mr. Young professionally coached both Olympic and professional baseball teams. During his visit to Bermuda, he worked closely with our national players, club players and coaches, and focused on six major areas of fielding. National Coach, Mr. Gus Logie, stated "Mike Young's visit provided another opportunity for our players and coaches to interact with other specialist resource personnel to learn the basic fundamentals of training as well as the bio mechanics needed to play the game at the highest of level."

2008 Annual BELCO Cup

Bermuda Electric Light Company Ltd. and the Bermuda Cricket Board jointly announced plans for the 2008 BELCO Cup to take place June 7-8. The line up for the Saturday semi-finals is:

At Somerset Cricket Club – St. David's vs St. George's
At St. David's County Cricket Club – Southampton Rangers vs Young Men's Social Club.

On Sunday the winners compete in the final at St. David's County Cricket Club.

Hiscox 11&U Modified

Cricket Sets

The BCB is pleased to announce that the Hiscox 11&U, Modified Cricket Sets have arrived for the start of the 2008 Youth Season. Each set comes with three pairs of pads, three cricket bats, three pairs of batting gloves, a pair of stumps, six balls, wicket keeping gloves and batting cones. The BCB's Youth League teaches the basic skills of cricket whilst focusing on participation, team spirit and to provide opportunities for all our children to have fun play with their friends in a fun and nurturing environment.



West End Player preparing to bat! In his brand new equipment

CANADA

Rumesh Ratnayake, Pace Bowling Coach at the Asian Cricket Council, ran a 14-day camp for the National Cricket Academy from May 16-30 in Toronto. The best pace bowlers in Canada gathered in Toronto May 17-19 for the National Championships, Rumesh had an opportunity to look at pace bowling talent from across the country at this event and identify talent for further development.

During his visit he assessed our current national team pace bowlers and helped assemble a squad of 15 top pace bowlers from across the country to feed the national team. Rumesh also briefed and worked with pace bowlers regarding latest techniques and international best practices, during the national tournament.

Canada to play 3 ODIs and 2 I-Cup

ODI vs Bermuda - June 28, 29 and July 1

I-Cup: Canada vs Bermuda – July 4 to 7

Canada vs Scotland - July 16 to 19

Weather fails to dampen spirit of T20s

T20 cricket is designed to be short and stimulating – a full game should be done in less than three hours – but perhaps not this short. In the event, the four semifinalists resolved to play two 10-over games (five overs or 30 balls per team) followed by a 15-overs a side final, lasting around two hours. The action, when play was finally possible just after lunch on Victoria Day (May 19) was fast and furious – just the way the organizers and sponsors had hoped. The semi finals even produced two upsets, which meant Ontario's second team beat its senior counterparts while Quebec celebrated a famous victory over pre-tournament favourites, British Columbia. Genuine inter-provincial rivalry followed in the championship game as Ontario 'B' eased to a comfortable win over Quebec, despite some lusty, late-order hitting from the eventual runners-up.

Schools Cricket

The Toronto area is full of school year ending tournaments.

The indoor school season closed with North Albion taking both the Senior and Junior titles.

Toronto's outdoor season concludes in June with Woburn C.I. trying to defend their 2007 title.

More Cricket on TV

Asian Television Network (ATN) announced an agreement to televise games from the English County Championship and the test matches between England and New Zealand, and England and South Africa. Games will be carried on the network's CBN channel.

Cricket in Mount Royal, Quebec

Students at Carlyle School in Mount Royal are now enjoying a game of cricket at lunch break after putting pressure on school officials to start a school team. It all started when students brought a cricket bat to school one day and now the sport is part of the school's physical education program – talk about kids' power!

USA

Aloha...from Hawaii



Welcome to the Honolulu Cricket Club, established in 1893 and home of the oldest sporting club in the Pacific Islands. Right at the edge of world famous Waikiki and nestled at the base of Diamond Head Crater in picturesque Kapiolani Park, the Honolulu CC boasts one of the most idyllic cricket grounds in the world. In keeping with the Hawaiian spirit of Aloha, we are a social cricket club at heart and always look forward to hosting

touring sides as well as welcoming new players into the club. Come and experience all the very best that cricket in paradise has to offer....Aloha!

Mark Berwick, Captain of the HCC reports that they recently hosted the Cricketers Club of New South Wales and in mid June will be hosting the NSW Police team. Two additional Australian clubs are now planning tours in 2009. The Maui Cricket Club has just poured a concrete wicket and we are traveling across to play them on Maui on June 7 and 8.

Mark also reports that he is discussing with the State of Hawaii a joint plan to create an international 20/20 tournament for youth club teams. The tournament would begin in May 2010 for between 12 and 18 teams from Austral-Asia, Pacific and the Americas.



BELIZE

Team Belize defeated UWI (Barbados) in Belize

The UWI Cricket Team from Barbados played a two match cricket series in Belize on May 26 and 27. Both matches were played in Bermudian Landing Village.

In the first encounter, Barbados defeated the National Cricket Team (Brilliant) by 6 wickets in a 20/20 match. However, Barbados was no match for the Belize National Team who defeated them by 154 runs in a 50 over match in game two.

Man of the Match was Andrew Banner of Belize who scored 69 runs and took 4 wickets.

The Barbados squad also conducted a training session for junior cricketers on May 29 at the Belize Rural High School in Double Head Cabbage Village. This clinic was attended by 24 cricketers from the high school team.

BRAZIL

Domestic Season update

May was a busy month in local cricket with matches held in Brazil's three leading cricket cities.

- Sao Paulo state side traveled to the HSBC ground in Curitiba for two matches against Parana. The series was split with both sides winning one match.
- In Brasilia, Pakistan Plus recorded a 70-run victory over the all Brazilian Candangos (which included two members from Brazil's Women's National Team).
- Parana now sits atop the league table with an average of 23 points per game. The league's scoring system awards points for many aspects of the game.

Brazilian Cricket Association President, Ian Webster, attended the ICC Development Forum in Grand Cayman, where the ICC's new guidelines and regulations for Affiliate members were presented. Plans are already underway for Brazil to comply with these new measures.

CHILE

Chile prepares to run Winter Academy

Chilean National Development Officer, Patricio Caamano, is currently finalizing plans to run a high performance program throughout the winter months for the U13, U15 and U19 national team squads. It will be the first time that Chile has run such a program and is expected to see a vast improvement by the Chilean junior squads in international competition for the 2008-09 season.

The academy will be based at Chile's principal training facility, Las Casa Roja, and will see the three squads working on batting, bowling, fielding, fitness and tactics. The academy will run from June to September.

MEXICO

The season in Mexico is reaching an exciting climax, with all but one fixture remaining. Corinthians are sitting pretty at the top of the table with a healthy net run rate. Aztecs will have to thrash Reforma on June 1st to take the title. This has been one of the closest title races for years with competitive cricket played in good spirit throughout the season. MCCC, favourites for the title midway through the season, rather lost it towards the end of the campaign losing consecutive games to Aztecs and Corinthians.

Elsewhere, there have been some very encouraging signs of development with the inauguration of the Cancun Cricket Club by the British Ambassador, Giles Paxman. The Cancun Cricket Club is being formed by the Honorary British Consul Mark Carney, O.B.E. and Roger Sherman, the marketing and sales manager for

Royal Resorts. They will be joined by other ex-patriot British players as well as players from South Africa, Australia and Mexico. Several of the Mexican squad members have never played the game but are keen sportsmen who are looking forward to learning the techniques of cricket. Anyone who wishes to help establish the Cancun Cricket Club should contact Roger Sherman (Tel. 998 882 0100, Ext.65894 or by email:

rsherman@ryalresorts.com



June 8th will be the Junior Finals Day with Edron, Lancaster, Victoria and Lomas Atlas battling it out for the J. Keith Foster Schools Trophy.

SURINAME

At the presentation ceremony of the Americas 2 Division Championship, Mr. Ramdien Sardjoe, Vice President of the Republic of Suriname, presented the main prizes after his speech to the spectators and officials.



The Cricket Club New Gandhi, comprising mainly young players, including Douglas and Gokoel who are in the Surinamese National team, won the Nickerie Championship. New Gandhi will now meet with

the Champion of Paramaribo Police Cricket Club in a best of three play-off games to decide the National Champion of Suriname.



The government of Suriname and India signed an agreement wherein further development of cricket in Suriname is included. The Surinamese Cricket Board and the Ministry of Education and Sports are presently putting the finishing touches on a long term plan for cricket development in Suriname, which will be presented at government level to Suriname and India.

TURKS & CAICOS

The 20/20 league of the Providenciales Cricket Association continued in May at the Downtown Ball Park. The featured game saw Police defeating Caribbean Cavaliers by 41 runs. Scorers were Police 203/7 (G.Bruno 73, J. Dolphin 4/420). Cavaliers were dismissed for 162 with Hayden Spring taking 3/18.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Gopu Rao – New Coach

Gopu Rao last month returned to the Dominican Republic and has been actively coaching the youth teams in Santo Domingo East area. Together with Hozefa Anik, Director of Cricket Development in the Dominican Republic, both have dedicated themselves to helping the Dominican youth learn cricket.

Guerra Cricket Team

The Guerra Cricket Team continues to grow and expand. Jose Mejia, coordinator of the team and Dario the coach, are amazed with the progress made by the young cricket players. It is hard to believe that these young players did not know anything about cricket just two months ago, exclaimed Gopu Rao. The Guerra Team plays 3 times each week.

Maimon starts two cricket teams

Nelson Peralta, a community leader learned about the success of the Guerra Team and decided to meet with Hozefa Anik, Director of Cricket Development, to explore the possibility of starting a cricket team in his town. They have 48 youths in the community ready to play cricket. It was agreed to start the teams in Maimon.

EL SALVADOR

New artificial pitch will help develop cricket in El Salvador



We thank the following for their contributions this month:

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