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### A Message from the RDM, Americas

This is our last issue before the holiday season and I would like to take this opportunity to wish, not only our cricket family in the Americas but all of our readers around the world, happy holidays and best wishes for the coming year.

Felices Fiestas y los mejores deseos para el año, que viene

Boas Festas e um Próspero Ano Novo

On behalf of Grant our RDO, and Vicki our Administration Asst. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL**

### ICC Media Releases

#### HIV/AIDS charity bats auction launched

The International Cricket Council and UNAIDS launched an auction of a full set of ICC Cricket World Cup 2003 signed bats on eBay.co.uk to raise funds for a HIV/AIDS project in India.

As part of their joint activities to coincide with World AIDS Day, the ICC and UNAIDS are providing a unique opportunity for cricket fanatics to bid for a set of 14 full-sized bats signed by all squad members of the competing teams at the ICC Cricket World Cup South Africa 2003.

The auction can be reached by visiting [www.icc.cricket.org/unaid](http://www.icc.cricket.org/unaid)s. It will run from 1pm GMT on Monday December 1 to Wednesday December 10. The bats – which have a starting price of 10,000 pounds sterling – have been signed by all players at the ICC CWC 2003.

To find out more about the strategic alliance between the ICC and UNAIDS, visit [www.icc.cricket.org/unaid](http://www.icc.cricket.org/unaid)s or [www.unaids.org](http://www.unaids.org).

#### Issue five of Cricket Quarterly focuses on 'ICC Roadshow' tour to Full Member countries

The fifth issue of the ICC's newsletter *Cricket Quarterly* is now available. This issue explains the rationale behind the 'ICC Roadshow' that will see the ICC President and Chief Executive visit all 10 Full Member Boards.

The 'Roadshow' – which is entering its fifth leg with a visit to Australia – gives the ICC an opportunity to explain the way it operates to all Board members on home soil while at the same time obtaining a greater understanding of how each Board works.

The newsletter contains reactions to the new format for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 from Sunil Gavaskar, Bob Woolmer and Chris Dehring and details of the seedings for the ICC Champions Trophy 2004.

There are also features on the following topics:

- Line-up for ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup Bangladesh 2004
- Recognition of player associations
- New tours cancellation protocol
- ICC's global partnership with UNAIDS
- Distribution of ICC Cricket World Cup 2003 money.

The newsletter is available on the ICC's official website, [www.icc.cricket.org](http://www.icc.cricket.org).

#### ICC Playing Handbook

The ICC has also recently produced the first comprehensive ICC Playing Handbook, a document that draws together the key regulations that govern international cricket. It replaces the 'ICC Official Playing Regulations' – commonly known as the 'Blue Book' – and has been distributed to all ICC member countries, regional offices and some media.

#### ICC Champions Trophy England 2004

The ICC has confirmed the groupings for the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 with Pakistan in the same group as India.

For the first time in the tournament's history, the seedings for the ICC Champions Trophy are based on the official ODI ratings with the cut-off date set for December 1, 2003.

Confirmed groupings for the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 are as follows:

Pool 1	Pool 2	Pool 3	Pool 4
Australia	South Africa	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
N.Z.	West Indies	India	England
Qualifier	Bangladesh	Kenya	Zimbabwe

Matches in the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 will be played at The Oval, Edgbaston and Hampshire's Rose Bowl in England from September 10 to 25.

The tournament schedule will be made available later this month.

The winners of each group will progress to straight knock-out semi-finals and a final. All matches in the tournament will have a reserve day to allow the games to be completed in the event of bad weather.

#### **ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007**

The ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 in the West Indies will feature 51 games, three fewer than the scheduled 54 games at this year's tournament, the ICC announced today.

ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed said that following on from the earlier decision to adopt a sixteen team format split into four groups of four for the first round, the ICC had now settled on a modified round robin format for the second stage of the tournament.

The second stage of the tournament will feature the top two teams from each of the four groups. Each team will play six games, one game each against the teams that they have not previously played.

Teams will not play again against the side they have previously met in the first round and will instead carry over the points from this match. No other points from the first round will be carried over into the second round.

The top four teams at the end of the second stage will then progress through to sudden death semi-finals with the winners moving through to the final.

Mr. Speed said that this format would provide the best possible cricket tournament for the Caribbean. "The ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007 will feature more teams but fewer games than in 2003".

At this stage it has still to be decided which islands will host games during the course of the tournament, with the West Indies Cricket Board as host nation overseeing the selection process, to determine where the games will be staged.

#### **ICC Six Nations Challenge UAE 2004**

The International Cricket Council confirmed the USA as the final team in the ICC Six Nations Challenge to be contested in the United Arab Emirates from February 29 to March 6, 2004.

The USA will join Canada, Holland, Namibia, UAE and Scotland in the competition that will decide the final qualifying place for the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 in England. The winner of the ICC Six Nations Challenge will play both Australia and New Zealand in the ICC Champions Trophy.

This will be the second ICC Six Nations Challenge and the first time that it will feature six Associate Member countries.

The inaugural tournament in Namibia was contested by Canada, Holland, Kenya, Namibia, Sri Lanka 'A' and Zimbabwe 'A' and was won by Kenya.



#### **Argentina**

The Argentina Cricket Association held their AGM on Saturday, November 22 at the Belgrano Athletic Club and amongst other business, the Executive Committee was reinstated en bloc. The committee is:

Chairman: Dicky Lord

Vice-Chairman: Peter Stocks

Secretary: David Gibson

Treasurer: Derek Culley

Development: Maurice Runnacles

Marketing: Roman Torres

International Representative: Simon Whitworth

The National Selectors have confirmed Donny Forrester as the new captain of the Argentina national team. Forrester will thus lead the team at next year's Americas Cricket Championships to be held in Bermuda.



Donny Forrester, appointed Captain of Argentina for the Americas 2004

On Saturday November 22, a memorial match for former national captain Guillermo Kirschbaum, who passed away on April 13 this year, was held at his Club Belgrano AC. The match was between a Belgrano AC XI and an Invitation XI, the latter team finally winning the match with two balls to spare. The result was really immaterial, as Guille's friends were gathered at the venue to pay tribute to a friend and the sport he loved so much.

The ACA's Annual Dinner and Prizegiving took place on the evening after the memorial match.

**Schools League:** At Longchamps on November 19, a junior festival for U13 for the southern districts took place where each school was represented by a side in every category. Over 250 kids had a wonderful day and had a chance to bat and bowl. On November 25 there was also a festival at Longchamps for the U15 where 140 kids enjoyed the skills of cricket. In December, for the same categories, festivals will take place for the northern districts schools.

**Local Scene:** The Robin Stuart Shield for first division teams kicked off on the week-end of November 30. The game between Hurlingham and St. Albans was rained off so both teams were allocated no result points. The other game which wasn't affected by rain had Belgrano (defending champs) starting in good form batting their hosts Lomas AC by 20 runs. Next games to be played - on December 6 Belgrano v St. Albans, and on December 7<sup>th</sup> Hurlingham v Lomas. The second division, due to rain, has had several matches postponed and fixtures will be rescheduled in order to complete the rounds.

**Tours:** British Airways XI will be touring Argentina from December 2nd and will be playing Buenos Aires XI at Hurlingham on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lomas XI at Longchamps on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and Belgrano XI at Virrey del Pino on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

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**Brazil**

Brazil's biggest ever week of cricket wound up on November 30 when the Interstate Championship schedule drew to a close, with home side Parana defeating Distrito Federal 229-8 to 191-9 at the HSBC ground in Curitiba. Man of the Match Rob Luke scored a very confident 84 for Distrito Federal, who, despite the loss, became the Brazilian national champions for the first time ever. The real highlight of the week, however, was the First Brazilian Cricket Invitational, involving 2 international matches between Brazil and Chile held in Curitiba. Although 3 matches were planned, the first was lost to rain. When play finally did begin, it was clear and sunny with plenty of great cricket on display. Game 1 saw Brazil setting a target of 194-10. Despite a heroic Man of the Match knock from Chile's Simon Shalders, the visitors could only manage 169-10 in reply, allowing Brazil to hang onto the Ambassador's Shield. Day 2 saw Chile avenge the defeat, overhauling Brazil's 179-10 with 5 balls to spare, giving them the HSBC Cup. Both games featured a number of outstanding individual performances, and the type of intensity expected of any hard fought international contest.

Earlier in the week, Brazil captain Matt Featherstone conducted Kanga Cricket classes at two schools in Curitiba, and conducted an umpiring course for several of the local Curitiba players.

Accor Hotels Brazil and HSBC Brazil helped sponsor the week's many events. As well, ICC Regional Development Officer – Americas Grant Dugmore was on hand to watch the games and speak to all the players about developing the sport in South America in conjunction with the ICC.

The Brazilian Cricket Invitational is to be held every two years, in alternate years to the South American Championships.



Geigor Caisley, Brazil's opener against Chile.

## Canada

### **Tragic Death of Young Canadian Cricketer**

The sudden death occurred in Winnipeg, Manitoba on November 17 of Canadian international cricketer Damian Mills at the early age of 24.

Damian was a rising star on the Canadian scene, having represented the country at both the junior and senior levels. He was a right-hand batsman with the Winnipeg Junior Cricket club and first played for the province of Manitoba at the junior level in 1992 and at the senior level in 1995.

Damian first represented Canada at the International Youth Tournament U-19 in Bermuda in 1997 and in the following year (1998) he appeared for Canada in the West Indies Nortel Junior Tournament in Trinidad & Tobago.

In 1999 Damian was selected in the senior Canadian national team which took part in the West Indies Red Stripe Bowl in Antigua. He was also a member of the Canadian team which appeared in the West Indies Red Stripe Bowl in Jamaica during the 2000 season.

On the home scene he was the leading run-getter in Manitoba from 1997 to 2003, with 2000 being the exception.

His tragic, sudden death at such a young age is a devastating blow to Canadian cricket. ICC Americas extend their most sincere condolences to the Mills family.

### **U19 World Cup Team**

There is a dusting of snow on the ground and the temperature hovers just above the freezing point, but Canada's Youth Team is busy preparing for the U19 World Cup in Bangladesh at an indoor facility in Toronto. Twenty hopefuls work out every Sunday under the guidance of local coaches Franklyn Dennis and Rupert Gomes. The team will be announced shortly and practices will continue until they depart for the tournament.

### **CCA elects new Executive**

At the Annual General Meeting of the CCA held November 28-30<sup>th</sup> in Toronto the following were elected.

President -	Ben Sennik
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President-	Traddie Simpson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President-	Shafiq Ebrahim
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President-	Vacant
Treasurer-	Charles Pais
Secretary-	Calvin Clarke

## Cayman Islands

### **Barbados Masters visit Cayman Islands**

The game of glorious uncertainties was greatly emphasized with the recent visit of the Barbados Masters team to the Cayman Islands from November 26<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Led by one of the West Indian great fast bowlers "Big Bird" Joel Garner and including former test player Thelston Payne and former regional player Winslow Ashby, the masters joined with domicile Bajans in celebrating their Independence Day on November 30<sup>th</sup> with two matches.

#### **Match 1 – Barbados Masters against Cayman Barbadians at Jimmy Powell Oval**

Batting first the Barbados Masters led by Winslow Ashby (52) totaled 131 runs in the allotted 30 overs. It seemed like easy sailing as the Masters reduced the Cayman Barbadians to 72 for 9, but Pearson Best had other ideas. Allowing his last partner Phillip Hackett the luxury of facing only one delivery, Pearson powered his way to a masterly 79 n.o. taking his team to an unexpected victory. Phillip had the pleasure of displaying his all round abilities as he had earlier picked up two wickets.

#### **Barbados Masters – 131 for 7 in 30 overs**

Winslow Ashby 52

Phillip Hackett 2 for 16, Stephen Best 2 for 20

#### **Cayman Barbadians – 132 for 9 in 26.5 overs**

Pearson Best 79 n.o.

#### **Cayman Barbadians won by one wicket**

#### **Match 2 – Barbados Masters against Cayman Select at Smith Road Oval**

Barbados Masters strengthened their team for their Independence Day match by including players from the Cayman Islands in Pearson Best and Harcourt Wason. The Cayman Select included a mixture of masters, seniors and outstanding youth players. Pearson Best (55 n.o.) and former W.I. test player Thelston Payne (48 n.o.) led the Masters to 188 for 4 in 30 overs. This pair had an unbeaten partnership of 120 runs. Earlier, bowling extremely well, young Omar Bryan (3 for 23) placed the Cayman Select in an interesting position reducing the Masters to 68 for 4, but the others were unable to stop the flow of runs. Only Saheed Mohammed (73) had any answer for the Barbados Masters bowling as the Cayman Select could only get to 128 for 7 wickets before the overs ran out. Joel Garner turned back the hands of time picking up 3 wickets for only 9 runs and led the Masters to a celebration victory by 60 runs. Joel can still put that ball on a spot.

*Happy Birthday Barbados!*

### **Barbados Masters – 188 for 4 in 30 overs**

Pearson Best 55 n.o. Thelston Payne 48 n.o.

Omar Bryan 3 for 23

### **Cayman Select – 128 for 7 in 30 overs**

Saheed Mohammed 73

Joel Garner 3 for 9

### **Barbados Masters won by 60 runs**

### **Cricket in the Cayman Islands**

This Island Group in the Caribbean Sea may be tiny in size (262 sq.km, population 42,000) but mighty when it comes to their number one passion – cricket.

A well-structured Executive, under the leadership of Chief Inspector of Police, Mr. Courtney Myles, runs one of the most efficient Associates of the Americas. With corporate sponsors, government assistance and ICC Americas support, the Association is in a sound financial position.

A well-run administration office staffed by the hard working Secretary, Merta Day, is possible with government support, as cricket was designated to be one of six official sports on the Islands

On the field, where some would say it really matters, both their Senior and Youth teams have shown remarkable improvement. In the 2002 Senior Americas they won the bronze medal while their Youth team came within 2 wickets of advancing to the World Cup winning the silver medal, their highest finish in Americas region competition to date.

Much of the credit goes to National Coach, Theo Cuffy. Since taking up that position, there has been a direct relation to the success of Cayman Islands teams on the playing field.

Cricket has been introduced and maintained in virtually every school on the Islands. Current construction plans are proceeding with the Jimmy Powell Oval (JP Oval) where the Cayman Islands hope an international game of the 2007 World Cup will be played.

Cricket in the Cayman Islands is focused on moving in one direction – upward.

**Chile**

### **Positive Outlook for Chilean Cricket Development**

The ACC played host to the Regional Development Officer for cricket in the Americas, Grant Dugmore. This was Grant's first official visit to another country and the ACC made sure he was kept busy. During his stay he managed to find time for a visit to

Craighouse and The Grange, as well as joining both the executive and development committees for some eye opening but very promising meetings.

Although development in Chile has only recently become a serious agenda, Grant believes that the ACC is well on the way to joining Argentina as figureheads for cricket in South America and expects Chile to be at the required level to apply for associate membership of the ICC by 2007.

The ACC would like to thank Grant for his insightful visit and look forward to receiving him again in time for the Metropolitan Cup finals next year.

### **World Domination**

It would seem that Chile's battles in the South American Cricket Championships have not been in vain.

The ACC has received an email from Alastair Gordon, a cricket enthusiast who has been following the exploits of non-test playing nations and compiled a worldwide league table.

Chile is currently residing in 51<sup>st</sup> place, one point behind Slovakia, and all the more reason to go on tour to Brasil!

### **The Grange Cricket Festival**

On Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, teams from Nido de Aguilas, Craighouse and The Grange competed against one another in the first ever cricket festival held in Chile. The event, which has been organized by The Grange School, saw a total of twelve teams playing in two separate competitions (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades combined, and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades combined) as well as taking part in a host of activities designed to teach the children more about the history and culture of cricket.

The festival is also the first time in over fifty years that any two schools from Chile have played against each other in any form of cricket. It was hoped that, throughout the month, festivals would also be held by Craighouse and Nido de Aguilas, with several other schools keen to participate.

**Cuba**

### **Seminars**

Jorge Luis Noriega, President of Villa Clara Province is delivering seminars of Kwik Cricket games and basics of cricket rules in different municipalities of his territory in coordination with the sports direction of the province. 8 Recreational Promoters and 4 Physical Education teachers of four areas, after

receiving the seminars, are very enthusiastic in recruiting children in schools under their jurisdiction to join those who are practicing the sport in the province. Noriega has a program in order to group promoters of at least four areas in each seminar and cover all the municipalities in three weeks time to increase trainers and players in the development program of this province.

### **Isle of Youth**

December 9, 2003 will be an occasion to celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Isle of Youth first Junior Game. The Cricket committee of the Isle headed by Daniel Garcia in coordination with the Municipal Government will hold the Sports Week Cricket Festival from December 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> with Juniors U11, U13 during the week, which will be ending with the First Cup Tournament among Penitentiary Centres (adults) Social Category on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Daniel and his cricket staff have achieved in the Isle of Youth a massive participation and have 6 organized Junior teams, carrying out an outstanding promotional program for cricket development in this special municipality of Cuba.

### **Manati (Las Tunas Province)**

Manati is celebrating its Cultural Week November 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. They have included in their program an Exhibition of Cricket Senior Games. Egbert Waite has invited Guantanamo and Baragua's teams to celebrate a triangle from the 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. These exchange visits will serve as preparation for the Baragua Cup to be celebrated in July 2004.

Ismael Patel, President of Panama Cricket Association, has expressed his interest to participate in the celebration.

**U.S.A.**

- From the **North Texas Cricket Association**, Mike Ghouse, President, writes:  
"Mr. Graham, a British American friend, is presenting Cricket to Navajo Indians in Arizona and has promised to fly the North Texas Cricket Association Flag at the Reservation. We are counting on the Chief to come and show his 'spirit' on the stage on 12/28/03 at our Annual Banquet "The Cricket Nite 2003" in Dallas. I am looking for Cricket 101 in graphic presentation in ppt to show to our Mayors and the Parks and Recreation Directors – and soon at various school districts to offer as an alternate sport".
- Mr. Ashok Patel, President of the New Jersey based **US Cricket Academy** has announced the

names of the team set to tour Trinidad & Tobago. The touring party will depart from JFK International Airport via BWIA on December 16<sup>th</sup> and return on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003. This under-19 team will play a series of games and attend several coaching sessions. The goal is to develop skill and experience and prepare these young players for upcoming tournaments in 2004.

- Utilizing a modified version of equipment and game rules, the **Utah Cricket Association** is developing a skill set and game enthusiasm among school age children between 10 to 15 years of age. The UCA over the past two years has met with encouraging success in this area. The Utah State Board of Education's PE curriculum department has endorsed the game and program as meeting the core curriculum for PE. (for details on cricket in Utah Schools see <http://www.usoe.k12.ut.us/curr/pe/info/html>). Both Davis and Weber County School Districts have adopted the program and have purchased over 30 sets of equipment to begin the program. The Tooele High and Jr. High have purchased both intramural and competition sets to begin a program in the Tooele, Grantsville and Stansbury valley area.

Many coaches and PE specialist have expressed excitement about cricket's potential to fill an increasing deficit within their student's *hitting, throwing and catching* skills. The UCA has experienced a wide variety of challenges in promoting the sport among main stream American schools. According to Steve Hooper, President of the UCA "It will take a sustained and organized effort to maintain the influence of the sport in the schools. Many teachers are eager to try it and use the equipment, however, are unwilling to do so independently". Many schools must be re-visited over and over to instill the rules and excitement of the game.

The UCA's business plan calls for utilizing parent volunteers and hiring or soliciting college interns as volunteers on a part time basis to visit schools in each participating district to assist in training PE instructors and running intramural cricket games and tournaments. Emphasis will be on the character, leadership, and strategy skills set, in addition to the physical hand-eye coordination and arm-leg motor skills of the students.