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ICC Americas – Regional Coaching Seminar

In line with ICC global and regional development strategy on coach education, ICC Americas will be holding a **Regional Coaching Seminar** in **Mexico City, Mexico**, from **Monday 15th to Friday 19th November, 2004**. The purpose of this seminar will be (1) for a select number of coaches to attend an **ICC Instructor Training Seminar**, and (2) for the same group to attend a **West Indies Cricket Board Level 1 Course**.

The ICC Instructor Training Seminar will prepare, and ultimately accredit, participants to officially conduct the **ICC Introduction to Cricket Course** in their home countries.

Grant Dugmore, RDO Americas, will act as Course Instructor for the ICC Instructor Training Seminar. Mr. Kumar Rampat (Trinidad & Tobago) and Mr. Ingleton Liburd (St. Kitts & Nevis) will be the Course Conductors for WICB Level 1 Course.

The Seminar will be held at the Reforma Athletic Club. Mexico is the Americas Region tenth Affiliate and most recent member of the ICC family.

Fourteen countries have confirmed their participation.

Websites

We are up and running and now have our own direct address. Please visit us at

www.icc-americas-cricket.com

On the site you will find many articles of interest, including all editions of our NewsFlash, complete results of regional tournaments, a complete list of our members, and don't forget to visit our photo gallery.

The new ICC website is also up and running at

www.icc-cricket.com

Many of your questions about Rules and Regulations can be found at this site. Under the "Development" tab, check out the "Resource Catalogue". If you are interested in developing a cricket ground, this section contains links to advice on pitch preparation, equipment, and (if you don't have the facilities to prepare a grass pitch) details on artificial pitch manufacturers.

There are many other great "official" sites within our member countries. Check them out and please remember to add them to your "favourites" for future reference.

Argentina	www.cricarg.com
Brazil – Sao Paulo	www.cricket.esp.br
Canada	www.canadiancricket.org
Chile	www.cricketchile.cl
USA	www.usaca.org
WICB	www.windiescricket.com

You could also access these sites from the ICC site under Members. Click on the flag of the member you wish to visit – if they have an official website you will be automatically connected.

MEET THE REGIONS

Last issue we promised to feature our other regions in the ICC Development family.

This month we say **HELLO AFRICA** and invite you to visit them at

www.icc-africa-cricket.com



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ICC Intercontinental Cup Finals 2004



The Intercontinental Cup

The Americas Region will be represented by Canada at the first ever Intercontinental Cup Final. Unfortunately three of their top players are unavailable including their skipper John Davison and other World Cup players Desmond Chumney and wicket keeper batsman Ashish Bagai.

The Intercontinental Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed the umpire and referee appointments for the semi-finals and final of the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2004 beginning on November 16.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Nov.16-18	Canada vs UAE	Sharjah

Referee : Mahanama
Umpires : Wijewardena & Khan

Nov.16-18	Kenya vs Scotland	Abu Dhabi
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Referee: Rizwan
Umpires: Silva & Badar

Nov.20-22	Final	Sharjah
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Referee : Mahanama
Umpires: Silva & Wijewardena

The points system in the semi finals and final shall be the same as for the regional matches. The winner of each semi-final match, being the team with the highest number of points accumulated during the match, will progress to the final.

If both teams have the same number of points in the semi final or in the case of a match being abandoned without a ball being bowled, the teams will participate in a bowl out (procedure laid out in tournament Playing Conditions) to determine who will progress to the final.

For scorecards, statistics, rules and reports on the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2004, visit www.icc-intercontinentalcup.com



ARGENTINA

The 2004/05 Argentine cricket season got underway the last weekend in October with a full day's cricket, which was held at Longchamps/Barker. The day comprised of a mixed junior match, which was played in the morning. Many of the parents attended the game with the local host club (Lomas Athletic) providing the lunch and drinks for the kids and parents.

Many promising performances came from the youngsters, especially from one person in particular, Dirce Yuli – one of the girls from Rosario who made an impressive innings of 26 not out. She was also given the award of most promising girl cricketer.

Not only was it a day for cricket but the ACA also decided to use it as a day for the players to give something back to the community. Some generous donations of food and clothes were received from the kids and the senior players on the day. These kind donations will be distributed to some local charities in early November.

The Junior prize giving for the 2003/04 season was held at the conclusion of the match.

The Seniors Divisions played a Sixes tournament on a round robin basis in the afternoon. The Second Division section was won by the hosts Lomas A.C., while the First division honors went to St. Albans A who won the tournament on an exciting bowl out with Hurlingham and Lomas A.C.

The Most Valuable Player award went to Pablo Roca for his excellent all round performance.

The Sixes Tournament will now be an annual event, which will be used to officially open the season.

The Senior prize giving for the 2003/04 season was held at the conclusion of the Sixes Tournament with the awards being handed out

by the three Trustees of the Argentina Cricket Association, Mr. Eric Campbell O.B.E., Mr. John Vibart O.B.E. and former President of the A.C.A. Mr. Chris Nino.

Ricardo Lord (current President of the A.C.A.) made a short speech in which he thanked the hosts Lomas for the fantastic day and thanked the players and their families for their kind support to what is going to be a very busy season.

Schools Trio's Tournament

The Junior Schools Trio's Tournament was held at St. George's College on Saturday 23rd October with 8 Junior (U15) teams taking part. Bedes Grammar School eventually won the tournament, beating St. Albans C in the closely contested final, with the winning runs being hit off the last ball of the match.

Special thanks to Rob Prata at St. George's College for helping organize and run the day. Unfortunately the Senior Competition has been postponed due to the resurfacing of the artificial surface.

ICC Americas Coaching Course

The Argentine Cricket Association has nominated Esteban MacDermott to represent them at the regional coaching seminar due to be held in Mexico City from 15th to 19th November. Esteban is a local coach who does a majority of his work for Lomas Athletic Club. He recently qualified as a Level One coach through a New Zealand course which was run by Mike Hesson (former national coach).

Tours – November

The Emus (Australia) and the Natal Midlands (South Africa) will be arriving in November to attend the first annual "Pampero" Junior Tournament, which will be held in Buenos Aires from the 6th to 11th December. The tournament will also include St. George's College and a local Argentina Invitation XI.

For more information on the tournament and if you are interested in sending a team for next year, please contact Gary Savage on cricketargentina2004@yahoo.com

BRAZIL

Brazilian Interstate Championship up for grabs

The Brazilian domestic season is now in the homestretch, and it's still anybody's race. The final weekend of play takes place November 13 and 14 in Sao Paulo, where the host club will face Parana and Brasilia in back-to-back games. Brasilia, the reigning champs and playing for the

last time under the captaincy of soon-to-depart Jeff Houston, need not only to beat Sao Paulo to keep their title hopes alive, but they will also need Parana to win as well.

For their part, two Sao Paulo victories will give them back the cup, while Parana now has a real shot at finishing second, thanks to two straight victories over Brasilia on November 16 and 17 in Curitiba. However it turns out, this will be the closest domestic league finish in many years.

In addition to trying to win for their own clubs, many of the players will be battling it out for selection to the Brazilian national team which travels to Santiago, Chile December 9-12 for the 6th South American Cricket Championships.

After picking up a second consecutive bronze medal in Buenos Aires in 2002, a number of changes were made to the Brazil X1, resulting in a solid home victory over Chile last year, which team captain and ex-Kent batsman Matt Featherstone hope to repeat this December.

CHILE

Century-old Trophy returns to Chile

As reported by www.cricketchile.cl, a piece of Chilean cricketing history has recently made its way back to Santiago after an absence of almost a hundred years.

The Ford-Tanner Cup, awarded for the season's highest individual score, was last presented in 1911 to J.P. Davidson Esq., of Valparaiso Cricket Club and had since been in private ownership in the United Kingdom.

Pauline Hamilton of Dunbar, Scotland, contacted the ACC in March to inform them of the trophy's whereabouts and took every care to ensure that it was returned to its original home across the Atlantic.

The Cup will now be presented to Paul Hollis of Las Condes for his score of 116 against the Falkland Islands in February.

Teams prepare for Second Division

Training began this month for the all-Chilean teams that make up the Second Division competition. Assisted by the NDO, the teams from Vina del Mar and San Bernardo are being led through the basics at weekly coaching sessions.

In addition to training, Vina del Mar CC played host to Le Reina CC towards the end of September in what turned out to be a much

closer game than the visiting side had anticipated.

The Second Division begins in November when both teams will play against Nunoa – an ACC social team – in Vina del Mar.

New Offices for the ACC

In an effort to improve administration within the Chilean Cricket Association, a head office has been found in the centre of Santiago. The office, based at Agustinas 2113, will ensure that an ACC representative is available to deal with administration on a regular basis.

South American Championship Update

Planning is well underway for the 6th South American Championship, which takes place in Santiago from December 8th to the 12th. Several major sponsors have been lined up to help make SAC6 the most successful Championship to date. Three grounds have been acquired to host the 14 games, which have been scheduled across the four days.



Along with the hosts and defending champions, Argentina – Brasil, Peru, Venezuela, Paraguay, Uruguay and the Guyana ‘Masters’ are all expected to participate in this year’s tournament.

The Championship will be the biggest event ever staged by the ACC and demonstrates the Association’s serious intentions as an ‘emerging’ cricketing nation.

For more details on the Championship, visit www.cricketchile.cl

Special Report – The Rise of School Cricket in Chile

Throughout the early part of the twentieth century, cricket was played by two schools in Chile – St. Peter’s in Vina del Mar and The Grange in Santiago – who would compete against one another in an annual grudge match, which was played up until 1956. The competition was so fierce that, come September, children would be in the nets practicing for hours on end in preparation for this one game, which usually resulted in victory for the St. Peter’s team.

The standard of school cricket in its heyday can be measured by the success of one Old Peterite – Frederick Richard Brown – who learnt his game as a child here in Chile and went on to captain both his county, Surrey, and England in the 1950-51 series against the Australians.

Unfortunately, however, following the decline in British interest in Chile after the Second World War, school cricket gradually faded away until it became nothing more than a few photographs in the school archives and some old bats and pads consigned to the bodegas.

Now, almost fifty years on, cricket is slowly gathering momentum amongst the international schools in Chile with as many as ten expected to join the ACC School Development Program in the coming months. A successful introductory session for over 250 enthusiastic pupils was held at Lincoln International Academy towards the end of September and similar sessions are scheduled to take place at schools across the country throughout October.



Among these schools is St. Peter’s, who wish to re-establish the proud cricketing tradition, which the school once held, by offering cricket to its students and by installing a purposely built cricket ground at their recently acquired sports fields on the outskirts of Vina del Mar. Another school worthy of note is St. John’s School in Concepcion – Chile’s third city in the south of the country. St. John’s will become the first school in the city to introduce cricket to its school program and already they are looking to the future, as they too wish to install cricket facilities at their relocated sports grounds. Cricket was previously played by the Country Club of Concepcion, and it is hoped that the reintroduction of cricket in schools will be the first step towards re-establishing Concepcion as one of Chile’s premier cricketing cities.

There are currently hundreds of children playing cricket in Chile, with this number set to rise significantly as more and more schools include cricket in their sports and extra-curricular programs.

ACC Introductory Coaching Course

Eight cricketers from VMCC attended an ACC Introductory Coaching Course held at the Gasvalpo offices in Vina del Mar towards the end of October. Led by Joseph Williams – NDA for Chile – the course lasted for four hours and covered all the basics required to introduce cricket in a fun and enjoyable way. Amongst the participants were Jaime Pinto and Cristobal Castillo, students at San Ignacio School where cricket has recently been introduced to 6th and 8th grade pupils. Having completed the course, the young coaches will now be looking to assist the ACC coaching staff with extra-curricular sessions at the school.

The course was the first of several to be held at clubs and schools across the country throughout the next few months, with the eventual aim of having 20 active coaches in Chile by March next year.

School Development Program

School cricket continues to thrive in Chile as more and more children are introduced to the sport each week. Throughout October introductory and extra curricular sessions were held at schools across the country, with over 1,000 enthusiastic pupils taking part.

The Grange School embark on their third tour to Argentina in as many years this month with two teams from 5th grade (boys and girls) and a team from 7th grade (boys) travelling to Buenos Aires to compete against teams from St. Alban's School and Barker College.

'Cricket Club' at Nido de Aguilas School is alive and well, with 50 enthusiastic children playing each week and fixtures against local schools scheduled for the coming weeks.

Preparation is underway for the second Grange Festival, to be held on Saturday December 4th. More than 300 children are expected to take part this year in what is sure to be the highlight of the school cricket season once more.

U.S.A.

Youth Cricket Activities in the North West Region of USACA

Established in July 2003, California Cricket Academy is a grass-root youth development program in the San Francisco Bay area. It has focused on training children ages 6-14 for international standard cricket. 2004 has been a very busy and productive year for the Academy.

Following are the major achievements for year 2004:

- Trained over 100 children in Spring, Summer and Fall sessions.
- Hired coaches of the caliber of Owen Graham of NCCA, Ajit Tendulkar from Bombay, two Level 1 certified specialized coaches from India, and Larry Gomes from West Indies.
- Imported Bola bowling machine from England for training.
- Our 14-member team participated in an Under 13 tournament in Chicago.
- Four Academy kids represented the USA All-Star team against Canada.
- Organized first U-15 tournament in Bay area for Academy's kids. 3 teams from CCA participated in the tournament in Fall 2004.
- Organized first U-10 tournament with ICC rules in the Bay area. 3 teams from CCA participated in the tournament in Fall 2004.
- Prepared 3 game pitches and 3 practice pitches for future tournaments and training.
- Received letter of appreciation from City of Cupertino's Mayor for organizing youth cricket activities.
- Acquired specialized cricket coaching software and statistics tool.
- Launched our website – www.calcricket.org

The Academy is now in a position to organize tournaments and trips to other parts of the USA and other countries to give the kids more exposure. The Academy is keen on visits from teams in any part of the world. Interested teams can contact Hemant or Kinjal Buch at kinjalbuch@yahoo.com

Please do not hesitate to visit www.calcricket.org to learn more about the California Cricket Academy.



Arsh Buch, Captain of U15 tournament team Centurion, accepting the Spice Hut cup from Vice Mayor Patrick Kwok of Cupertino

USACA's National Tournaments

USACA successfully conducted its third Senior National Championship and inaugural U19 Championship on October 8th, 9th and 10th. The tournament was hosted by Southern California Cricket Association and was played at Woodley Park. The tournament was one of the best ever organized events. SCCA did a magnificent job in making this event a huge success.

The senior tournament was contested by four regions:

New York Region (Winner of Eastern Conference)
Atlantic Region (Runner up of Eastern Conference)
Central West Region (Winner of the Western Conference)
North West Region (Runner up of the Western Conference)

Favorites New York lived up to expectations to win the championship, beating the upcoming Central West team in the finals. Brief scores:

New York (batting first)
261/9 in 50 overs (Orlando Baker 87, Steve Massiah 5, Zahid Bheda 4/41)

Central West Region
222 all out in 47.2 overs (Asif Mohammed 80, Abid Mian 44, Zamin Amin 5/28)

Man of the Match: Zamin Amin (5/28)

MVP of the Tournament: Steve Massiah



Final Standings:

1. New York Region
2. Central West Region
3. Atlantic Region
4. Northwest Region



New York Region Team

U19 Championship:

In an exciting finish, Atlantic/South East Combined Region beat New York/North East Combined Region.

This inaugural championship brought in a lot of attention and excitement. It was truly a revelation to see the youngsters in action. Brief scores:

New York/North East Combined Region vs Atlantic/South East Combined Region

Atlantic /South East Combined Region (batting first)

228 in 50 overs (Megh Bhatt 75, Romeano Deane 34, Sumon Bari 2/24, K. Ramprasad 2/43)

New York/North East Combined Region

225 in 48 overs (Akeem Dodson 81, Ethon Wilson 42, D. Nathaniel 3/41, R. Francis 2/31)

Man of the Match: Akeem Dodson

MVP of Tournament: William Perkins



Atlantic/South East Region U19 Champions



Action in the US Nationals held at Woodley Park, California October 8-10th, 2004

We thank the following for their contribution to this NewsFlash - Gary Savage (Argentina), Norman Baldwin (Brazil), Joseph Williams (Chile), Laks Sampath and Syed Shahanawaz (USA).

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